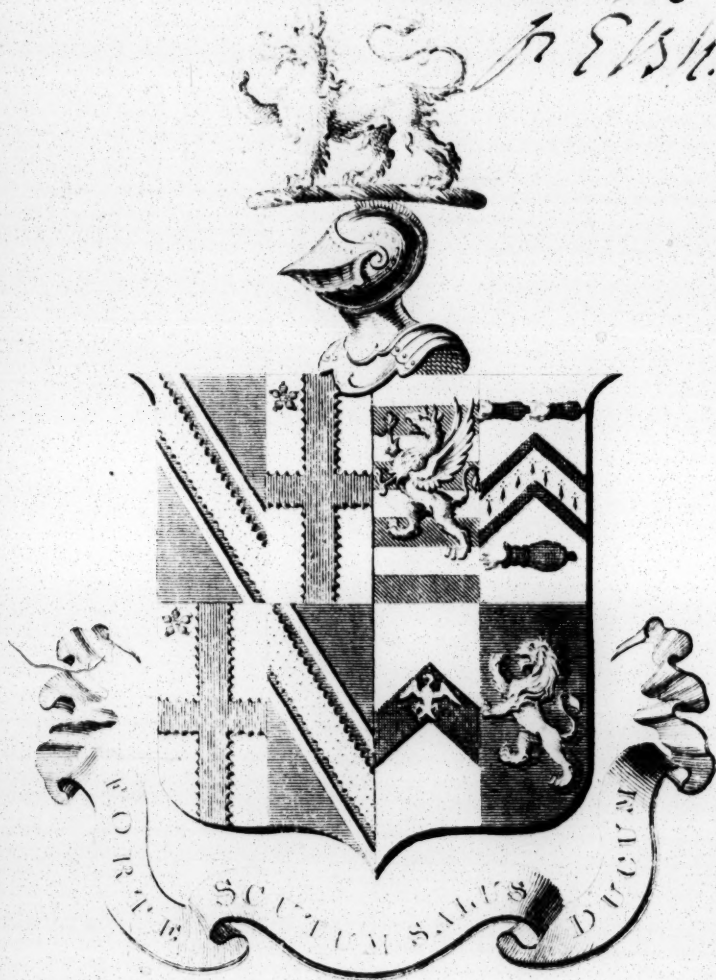


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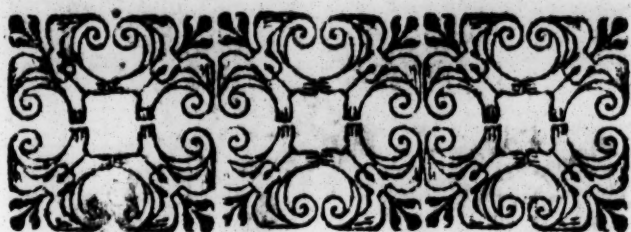
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SUMME OF THE  
cheefe groundes of  
*christian religion, set down  
in fine speciall  
points.*



Anctify the  
lord God in  
your hearts,  
& be ready

1. Pet. 3  
15.

alwayes to giue an an-  
swere to euery one that  
asketh you a reason of  
your fayth, & that with  
meekenesse and reue-  
rence.



2. Tim. 1

13.

Keep the true patern  
of the wholsome words  
which thou haste heard  
of me in faith and loue,  
which is, Iesus Christe.

Rom. 10.

10.

Ioh. 4.5.

5

Ioh. 4.24

1. Tim. 6

16.

Exo. 34.6

Psa. 95.4

Ioh. 5.7

**I** Beleeue and confesse  
first, that there is \*  
one God onelye, who  
\* is a spirituall nature,  
without any bodily or  
visible shape, \* of infi-  
nite power, wisdom, \*  
goodnesse and glory,  
creator and gouernour  
of heauen and earth, &  
that this one god, is di-  
stinct into \* three per-  
sons, the father, the son,  
and the holy ghost.

Second-

*Christian familie.* 3

Secondly, that the same God did in the beginning \* make mankinde in an excellent state of all perfection & happines, euen according to his owne \* holinesse & righteousness.

Gen.  
1.26

Eph 4  
24.

Thirdly, that we fell afterwards through the disobedience of Adam, into a cursed kind of all misery, euen \* into the wrath of God and eternal damnation of body and soule.

Rom. 5.  
12

Fourthly, that the deliuerance and redemption from this misery, is fully wrought by \* Ie-

Actes. 4.  
12.

4 *An exercise for a*

Rom. 13  
 4 Iesus Christ onely, both  
 God & man, who hath  
 \*suffered all the punish-  
 ments of our sinns, that  
 we might not bee dam-  
 ned for them, \* & hath  
 x. Ioh. 1  
 7 perfectly kept the \* ten  
 1. Pet. 2  
 24. commaundements for  
 vs, which we could not  
 do, to bring vs again to  
 Rom. 5. 19  
 21 the \* loue of God, and  
 to eternall life.

Fiftly, that they onely  
 are partakers of Iesus  
 Math. Christe and\* this great  
 7. 7 worke of our redemp-  
 tion, which do earnest-  
 ly and faithfully praye  
 for the grace of his ho-  
 Rom. 10  
 11 ly \* Spirite, that tho-  
 rough

rough the \* preaching of the Worde, there maye bee wroughte in their heartes a \* stedfast fayth, to be saued by his sufferings and holynesse onely, and that their fayth may be shewed and iustified by continuall repentance, and a Godly life, that is, by \* shunning those thinges which hee forbiddeth, and dooing those thinges which he commaundeth.

Iohn. 3  
36.

Iam. 2. 18  
21.

Deu. 12  
12.

This is lyfe eternall, to knowe thee to bee the onelye true God, and him whome

Iohn.  
17. 3.

6      *An exercise for a*

Ioh. 17.3      thou haste sente, Iesus  
Christe.

Mat. 16.6      Iesus sayd, take heede  
12.      and beware of the lea-  
uen of the pharisees &  
saduces, which is their  
doctrine.

1. Tim.      Cast away prophane  
4.7      and old wiues fables, &  
exercise thy selfe vnto  
godlinesse.

Psal. 55.  
16.      I will pray vnto God,  
and the Lord shall saue  
mee, euening and mor-  
ning, and at noone day  
will I pray, and he will  
heare my voyce.

Prai-



*Christian family.* 7

Prayers for the morning,  
*necessary to be used of all  
householders in their  
families.*

M A T H. 26.41.

VVatch and pray, least ye enter in-  
to temptation.

O moste mighty God  
our heauenly and  
merciful father, we most  
wretched sinners, hum-  
blye confesse vnto thy  
maiesty, that all good  
thinges wee haue, doe  
come from thy onelye  
mercy, that we are most  
vnworthy of them, and  
yet altogether vnable  
heartily to pray for the  
con-

continuaunce thereof,  
yet seeing thy dear son  
Iesus Christe, hath  
commaunded vs in his  
name, to pray, and that  
with assurance to speed  
and to bee heard: wee  
beseeche thee for his  
sake, to prepare oure  
heartes by thy holye  
spirite, to put oute of  
our mindes all world-  
lye thinges and vayne  
fantasies, and to stir vs  
vp earnestly to cōsider  
what greate neede wee  
haue of thy continuall  
help both in our soules  
and bodies. O Lord we  
haue through our ma-  
nifold

nifolde sinns, deserued  
thy wrath, and eternall  
damnation of body &  
soul, yet by the vertue  
of the great sufferinges  
of Iesus Christ, and the  
shedding of his preci-  
ous bloud, forgiue and  
wash away al ouroffen-  
ces: wee are vnworthy  
of thy fauour, either in  
this life or in the life to  
come, yet thorough his  
holines, receiue vs vnto  
mercy, & make vs heirs  
of thy blessed kingdom  
and so increase in oure  
hearts euery day, vnfai-  
ned repentaunce for  
our former wickednes,  
in

in that we haue neither  
worshipped thy maie-  
sty, nor liued towardes  
others, accordinge to  
thy worde. Strengthen  
our faith(O Lord)in Ie-  
sus Christe, for the for-  
giuenesse of our sinnes,  
and for thy tender mer-  
cy sake, powre into our  
hearts the grace of thy  
holy spirite, which may  
stirre vp in vs a more  
heartie loue vnto thee  
and thy blessed worde,  
that by it we may learn  
to worship thee aright,  
and to liue faithfullie,  
& truely towardes all  
men in our callings, stri-  
uing

uing cōtinually against  
all sinne, chiefly in our  
selues, and then also in  
others, so that whenso-  
euer it shall please thee  
to call any of vs out of  
this short & sinfull life,  
we may willingly deli-  
uer vp our soules into  
thy blessed kingdome,  
and may come with ioy  
(as louing children) to  
thee our heavenly and  
merciful Father. O lord  
make vs thankful for all  
thy corrections, giuing  
vs grace by them to fear  
thee more carefully, &  
to sorow for our sinnes  
more heartily. Make vs  
al-



also thankfull for all thy  
benefites, namely, for  
the sweete sleepe and  
quiet rest, wherby thou  
hast this nighte refre-  
shed vs, wee beseeche  
thee now in like maner  
(O gracious God) for  
Christs sake, to receiue  
vs this day into thy blef-  
sed keeping, prserue vs  
frō al perils & dangers,  
frō sinn, frō the wicked  
cares of this life, and  
the vaine desires of the  
flesh, shining into our  
hearts by the grace of  
thy holy spirit, and the  
true knowledge of Je-  
sus Christ, the true light  
of

of the worlde, that wee  
may guid al ourthoghts  
words, & deeds, accor-  
ding to the same, and  
walk painfully and tru-  
ly in our callings, to the  
glorye of thy blessed  
name, the good exam-  
ple of al others, and the  
great assuraunce of our  
own saluation, through  
thy deare Sonne Iesus  
Christe our onely saui-  
our, in whose name we  
pray for these, and al o-  
ther graces, as hee hath  
taught vs saying, Our  
father &c.

*Anno-*



*Another Prayer for the  
Morning.*

**A** Lmighty God, and  
 moste mercifull Fa-  
 Dan.9 ther, we do not \* presēt  
 our selues heere before  
 thy maiesty, trusting in  
 oure owne merites or  
 worthinesse , but in  
 thy manifold mercies,  
 which hast promised to  
 heare our prayers and  
 Iohn. \*graunt oure requests,  
 16. which we shall make to  
 thee in the name of thy  
 beloued Sonne Iesus  
 Christ our Lorde, who  
 hath also commanded

VS

vs to asēble our selues  
together in his \* name, Math.  
with full assurance that 18.  
he will not onely bee a-  
mōg vs, but also be our  
mediator, &\* aduocate  
towards thy maiestie, 1. tim.  
that we may obtain\* all 2.  
things which shall seem 1. Ioh.  
expedient to thy blef-  
sed will for our necessi-  
ties. Therefore wee be-  
seech thee, most merci-  
full father, to turne thy  
louing countenāce to-  
wards vs, and\* impute psal.  
not vnto vs our mani- 32.  
folde sins & offences,  
whereby wee iustly de-  
serue thy wrath & sharp  
punish-

punishment: but rather  
receiue vs to thy mercy  
for Iesus Christes sake,  
accepting his death and  
passion as a iust recom-  
pence for all our offen-  
ces, in whom only thou  
art pleased, & through  
whome thou canst not  
bee offended with vs.  
And seeing that of thy  
great mercies wee haue  
quietli passed this night  
grant, o heauēly father,  
that wee may bestowe  
this day wholly in thy  
seruice, so that all oure  
thoughtes, wordes and  
deeds may redound to  
the glory of thy name,  
and



and good example to  
al men: who seeing our  
good works, may glori-  
fy thee our heauēly fa-  
ther. And forasmuch as  
of thy mere fauour and  
loue thou hast not only  
created vs to thine own  
similitude & likenesse,  
but also haste chosen vs  
to bee heires with thy  
dear sonne Iesus Christ  
of that immortall king-  
dom, which thou prepa-  
redst for vs before the  
beginning of the world,  
wee beseech thee to in-  
creas our faith & know-  
ledge, & to lighten our  
heartes with thine ho-  
ly

ly spirit, that we may in  
the meane time liue in  
godly conuersation &  
integrity of life, know-  
**Gal. 5** ing that \*idolaters, adul-  
terers, couetous men,  
contentious personnes,  
drunkardes, gluttons &  
such like, shall not inhe-  
rite the kingdome of  
God.

And because thou  
hast commaunded vs  
to pray one for another  
we doe not onely make  
request, O Lord, for our  
selues, and them that  
thou hast already called  
to thee true vnderstan-  
ding of thine heauenly  
will

will, but for all people  
& \* natiōs of the world, Acts.  
who as they knowe by 10.  
thy wonderful workes, 1. tim.  
that thou art God ouer 2.  
all, so they may be in-  
structed by thine holie  
spirite, to beleue in thee  
their onely sauiour and  
Redeemer. But foras-  
much as they can not  
beleue except they\* Rom.  
hear, nor cānot hear but 10.  
by preaching, and none  
can preach except they  
be sent, therefore, O lord  
raise vp faythfull distri-  
buters of thy misteries,  
who setting aparte all  
worldly respectes, may  
both

Rom.  
16.

2.tim.  
3.

both in their life and doctrine only seeke thy glory. Contrarily confounde\* Sathan, Antichrist with all hirelings and papistes, whō thou hast already cast of into a reprobate sence, that they may not by sects, schismes, heresies and errours disquiet thy little flocke. And because, O Lorde, wee be fallen into the latter dayes, and daungerous times wherein ignorance hath gotten the vpper hand, and Satan with his minysters seeke by all meanes to quench the  
light

light of thy Gospell, we beseeche thee to maintaine thy cause against those \* rauenous wolues, and strengthen all thy seruauntes, whome they keepe in prison & bondage. Let not thy long suffering bee an occasion eyther to increase their tyranny, or to discourage thy children, neyther yet let oure sinnes and wickednesse bee an hynderaunce to thy mercyes, but with speede, O Lord, consider the greate myseries, and afflictions of thy poore Church

Mat. 7



Church, which in sundry places by the rage of enimies is greeuously tormented : and this we confesse, O Lord, to come moſte iuſtlye for our ſinnes which (notwithſtanding thy manifold benefites, whereby thou doeſt dayly allure vs to loue thee: and thy ſharp thretnings, whereby we haue occaſion to feare thee, and ſpeedily to repent) yet continue in our owne wickednes and feel not our hearts ſo touched with the diſpleaſure of our ſinnes as we ought to do. Therefore,

fore, O Lorde, create  
in vs newe heartes, that  
with feruent minds we  
may bewaile our mani-  
folde sinnes, & earnest-  
ly repent vs for our for-  
mer wickednesse and  
vngodly behauiour to-  
wardes thee: and wher-  
as wee can not of oure  
selues purchase thy par-  
don, yet wee humblye  
beseeche thee for Iesus  
Christes sake, to shewe  
thy mercies vppon vs,  
and receiue vs again to  
thy fauour. Graunt vs,  
deare father, these oure  
requestes, and all other  
things necessary for vs

B and

24 *An exercise for a*

and thy whole Church  
according to thy pro-  
mise in Iesus Christ our  
Lord : in whose name  
we beseech thee, as hee  
hath taught vs , saying,  
Our Father which art  
in heauen, hallowed be  
thy name.&c.



A GODLY PRAIER  
*to be sayde at all  
times.*

**H**Onour and prayse  
bee giuen to thee,  
O Lord God almighty,  
moste deare Father of  
hea-

heauen, for all thy mercies & louing kindnesse shewed vnto vs, in that it hath pleased thy gracious goodnesse and freely of thine own accord, to elect & chuse vs to saluatiō before the begining of the world: & euē like cōtinual thanks be giuē to thee for creating vs after thine own image, for redeeming vs with the precious bloude of thy deare sonne, when we were vtterlye losse, for sanctifying vs with thine holye Spirite in the Reuelation and knowledge of thyne  
2      holy

holy word, for helping  
and succouring vs in all  
our needes and necessi-  
ties, for sauing vs from  
all daungers of bodye  
and soule, for comfor-  
ting vs so fatherly in all  
our tribulations & per-  
secutions, for sparing vs  
so long, and giuing vs  
so large a time of repen-  
taunce. These benefits,  
O most merciful father,  
like as wee knowlege  
to haue receiued them  
of thine onely good-  
nesse, euen so wee be-  
seech thee, for thy dear  
son Iesus Christes sake  
to grant vs alwaies thine  
holy



holy spirit, whereby we  
may continually growe  
in thankfulness towards  
thee, to bee led into all  
trueth, and comforted  
in all our aduersities.  
O Lord, strengthen  
our faith: kindle it more  
in feruentnes and loue  
towards thee and our  
neighbors for thy sake.  
Suffer vs not, most dear  
Father, to receiue thy  
word any more in vain,  
but graunt vs alwayes  
the assistance of thy  
grace and holy spirite,  
that in heart, word, and  
deede we may sanctify  
and doe worship to thy

name, helpe to amplify  
and increase thy king-  
dome, that whatsoeuer  
thou sendest, we maye  
be hartely well content  
with thy good pleasure  
and wil. Let vs not lack  
the thing, o father, with  
out the which we can-  
not serue thee, but bless  
thou so all the workes  
of our handes, that we  
may haue sufficient, and  
not to bee chargeable,  
but rather helpfull vnto  
others. Be mercifull, O  
Lorde, to our offences:  
and seeing our debt is  
great, which thou haste  
forgiuen vs in Iesus  
Christ,

Christ, make vs to loue thee and our neighbors so much the more. Be thou oure Father, oure captaine and defender, in all tentations: holde thou vs by thy mercifull hand, that we maye bee deliuered from all inconueniences, & end our liues in the sanctifying & honor of thy holy name through Iesus christ our Lord, & only Sauioure, so be it. Let thy mighty hande and out-stretched arme, O Lorde, bee still our defence, thy mercye and louing kindenesse

30     *An exercise for a*  
in Iesus Christ thy dear  
Sonne, oure saluation,  
thy true and holy word  
oure instruction, thy  
grace and holy spirite,  
our comfort and con-  
solation, vnto the ende  
and in the end, so be it.  
O Lord, increase our  
fayth.

  
A PRAIER TO BE  
*sayde of the childe before  
he study his lesson.*

PSALME. 119.  
*Wherein shall the childe ad-  
dresse his way? In guiding  
him selfe according to thy  
Worde, Open myne eyes &  
I*

*I shall knowe the manerails  
of thy Lawe. Giue me vn-  
derstanding, and I shall  
keepe thy Lawe, yea, I shall  
keepe it with mine whole  
heart.*

**L**. Orde, which art the  
fountain of all wis-  
dome and knowledge,  
seeing it hath pleased  
thee to giue mee the  
meane to bee taught in  
my youth for to learne  
to guide me godly and  
honestly all the course  
of my life, it maye also  
please thee to lighten  
myne vnderstandinge,  
the which of it selfe is  
blind, that it may com-  
pre-



prehende and receiue  
that doctrine and lear-  
ning which shall bee  
taught me: it may please  
thee to strengthen my  
memory to keep it wel:  
it maye please thee also  
to dispose my hart wil-  
lingly to receiue it with  
such desire as appertay-  
neth: so that by my in-  
gratitude the occasion  
which thou giuest me,  
be not lost. That I may  
thus do, it maye please  
thee to powre vpon me  
thine holy spirit, the spi-  
rite I say, of al vnderstā-  
ding, truth, iudgement,  
wisdom & learning, the  
which

which maye make mee  
able so to profite, that  
the paines that shall be  
taken in teaching me, be  
not in vaine. And to  
what study soeuer I ap-  
plye my selfe, make me,  
O lord, to addres it vn-  
to the right end: that is  
to know thee in oure  
Lord Iesus Christ, that  
I may haue full trust of  
saluation in thy grace,  
and to serue thee vp-  
rightly according to thy  
pleasure, so that whatso-  
euer I learne, it may be  
vnto me as an instrumēt  
to helpe me therevnto.  
and seing thou dost pro-  
mise

mise to giue wisdom to  
the little and humble  
ones, and to confound  
the proude in the vani-  
ty of their wits, & like-  
wise to make thy selfe  
knowne to them that  
be of an vpright heart,  
and also to blinde the  
vngodly and wicked, I  
beseech thee to fashion  
me vnto true humility,  
so that I may be taught  
first to be obedient vn-  
to thee, and next vnto  
my superiors, that thou  
hast appoynted ouer  
me. Further that it may  
please thee to dispose  
mine heart vnfaynedly  
to

to seek thee and to forsake all euill and filthy lusts of the flesh:& that in this sort I may now prepare my self to serue thee once in that estate which it shal please thee to appoint for me whē I shall come to age.



A PRAIER TO BE  
*sayde before a man begin  
his worke.*

PSALME. 25.

*The Lorde reuealeth his secretes vnto them that fear him, and maketh them to knowe his alliance.*

O Lorde God moste  
mercifull Father &  
sauour,

fauour, seeing it hath pleased thee, to commaunde vs to trauaile, that we may relieue our neede, we beseech thee of thy grace so to blesse our labor that thy blessing may extend vnto vs, without the which we are not able to continue: & that this great fauour may be a witnes vnto vs of thy boūtifulnes & assistance, so that thereby we may know the fatherlye care that thou hast ouer vs.

Moreouer, O Lorde wee beseech thee that thou wouldest strengthen



then vs with thy holyc  
spirit, that we may faith  
fullye trauaile in our e-  
state & vocation with-  
out fraud or deceit: and  
that we maye indeuour  
oure selues to followe  
thine holy ordināce, ra-  
ther thē to seek to satis-  
fy our greedy affections  
or desire to gaine. And  
if it please thee, O lord,  
to prosper our labour,  
giue vs a minde also to  
help thē that haue need  
according to that abili-  
ty that thou of thy mer-  
cy shalt giue vs : and  
knowing that all good  
thinges come of thee,  
graunt

graunt that wee maye  
humble oure selues to  
our neighbours, & not  
by any meanes lift our  
selues vp aboue them,  
which haue not recei-  
ued so liberal a portion  
as of thy mercye thou  
hast giuē vnto vs. And  
if it please thee to trye  
& exercise vs by greter  
pouerty, and need then  
our flesh would desire,  
that thou wouldst: yet  
O Lorde, grant vs grace  
to know that thou wilt  
nourish vs continually  
through thy bountifull  
liberality, that wee bee  
not so tempted that we  
fall

fall not into distrust:  
but that wee may pati-  
ently waite till thou fill  
vs, not onely with cor-  
porall graces and bene-  
fites, but cheefely with  
thine heauenly & spiri-  
tuall treasures, to the  
intent that wee may al-  
wayes haue more am-  
ple occasiō to giue thee  
thankes, and so wholly  
to rest vppon thy mer-  
cyes. Heare vs, O Lorde  
of mercy, through Iesus  
Christe thy sonne our  
Lorde. Amen.



A P R A I E R   F O R  
*the Morning.*

O Gracious God, and  
louing Father, ac-  
cording to thy cōman-  
dement, we do here pre-  
sent our selues before  
thy maiestye, humblye  
prostrating our selues  
before the throne of  
mercy, acknowledging  
and confessing from the  
bottome of our heartes  
that wee bee miserable  
sinners, dayly breaking  
thy commandementes,  
both in thought, word,  
and deede, wherein we  
iust-

iustlye deserue euerlasting damnatiō,& to be vtterly throwne frō thy presence,yet O lord,we see thy goodnes againe towards vs , who not suffering vs thus to perish in our sins,hast sent thine owne deare Son Iesus Christ,to take vpon him whatsoeuer is due to reconcile and make vs at one with thee again:in him therefore , good Lorde,and through him do we com vnto thee, beseeching thee for his sake , that we feeling the greuofnes of our sins,and gro-  
ning



ning vnder the burden  
of them, may feele the  
release & ease of them,  
in that we be thorough  
thy holy spirit assured,  
and stedfastly beleue,  
that Christ hath borne  
the burden of them, e-  
uen for vs. Graunt, O  
Lorde, that wee being  
assured hereof in oure  
consciencs, may tho-  
rough thy holye spirite  
be renued in the inner  
man, to hate, detest and  
abhorre sinne, and to  
study to liue according  
to thy blessed will du-  
ring our whole life.

We do not only pray  
for

for our selues, but also  
for all thy whol church,  
especially such as bee  
persecuted for thi word  
graunt vnto them, that  
whether it be by death  
or life, they may glori-  
fye thy name to their  
liues end. Bee mercifull  
to this Church of Eng-  
land and Irelande, wee  
besech thee good lord,  
and preferue euery part  
& member of the same,  
especially thy seruaunt  
ELIZABETH oure  
Queene: graunt her all  
such giftes as be neede-  
ful for so high a calling,  
to the aduancement of  
thy

thy glory, and benefite  
of this commō wealth,  
to the establisling of a  
perfect gouernment of  
thy Church, according  
to the prescript rule of  
thy blessed word, to the  
rooting out of al super-  
stition and reliques of  
Antichrist, to the gouer-  
ning of her subiectes in  
all peace and traquilli-  
tie. Defend her, O lord,  
from all conspiracies,  
treasons, & rebellions,  
and so woorke in the  
harts of all her subiects,  
that knowing her au-  
thoritie doth come frō  
thy heauenly maiestie,  
they

they may with obediēt  
harts humbly obey her  
in thee & for thee. Pre-  
ferue the whol counsell  
& the Magistrats of the  
realme, that being ligh-  
tened through thy ho-  
ly spirite, they maye de-  
fend thy truth, suppress  
wickednes, & maintain  
equity. Beholde all the  
Pastors & Preachers of  
the worde, blesse their  
labours, increase the  
number of them, place  
ouer euerye Church a  
painfull watch man, re-  
mooue all idle lubbers,  
& confound the power  
of Antichrist, & tourne  
the

the heartes of the people that they may be obedient to thy trueth. Blesse the two Vniuersities, Cambridge and Oxenforde, and all the Studentes of the same, with all Schooles of learning. Beholde all those that bee afflicted with any kind of crosse, that they may profit by thy correction in newnesse of life.

Lastly, for our selues heere gathered together, wee heartily craue at thy handes, that it woulde please thee to make vs thankfull vnto  
thy



thy maiestie, for all thy  
louing kindnes shewed  
vnto vs euen from our  
infancy: especially, that  
thou haste this present  
night deliuered vs frō  
all dangers both of bo-  
dy and soule, wherinto  
many haue fallen, as we  
in like maner shoulde  
haue doone, if wee had  
not beene stayed with  
thy merciful hand: that  
thou hast also graunted  
vnto vs so sweet & com-  
fortable reste, and haste  
now presently brought  
vs to the beginning of  
this daye . For these  
things, good Lord, we  
C yeeld

yeelde vnto thee moſte  
harty thanks, beſehcing  
thee to make vs more &  
more daylye thankfull  
vnto thy maiesty for  
thē, & pardon oure vn-  
thākfulnes. And as thou  
haſt ſafely preferued vs  
vnto this preſent howre  
frō all the daungers of  
this life : ſo we beſeech  
thee continuethy fauor  
towards vs this day, &  
the whole courſe of our  
life. Defend vs, O lord,  
that we now entring in-  
to the affayres of this  
daye, bee not drawne a-  
way with the vayne al-  
lure-

luremēts of this world,  
to finne and wickednes:  
that we walk not in the  
shadowes of death, that  
we be not intangled in  
the snares of sinne, that  
wee stumble not at the  
blockes of iniquity, that  
we finallye fall not into  
the pit of death, and de-  
structiō : but being sha-  
dowed vnderthy wings  
we may cheerfully and  
constantlye goe on for-  
ward to the end of our  
course. Graunt vnto vs,  
O Lorde our God, that  
this good time which  
thou grantest vnto vs in  
this life, bee not idly, or

vainly of vs consumed,  
but that euerye one of  
vs maye bee diligentl<sup>y</sup>e  
exercised in his calling  
this day, and all our life  
long, being assured that  
thou wilt once call vs  
to yeelde an account of  
our stewardship. Indue  
vs we besech thee, with  
those giftes and graces,  
which bee needfull for  
vs in our calling, & that  
with a pure and sincere  
conscience we may vse  
them to the benefite of  
our brethren, and dis-  
charge of our own con-  
sciences, before thy ma-  
iesty. We beseech thee,  
O

O Lord, that in all oure consultations, words & works this day, and the whole course of oure life, wee maye alwayes haue thee present before our eyes, knowing that thou seest euen the very deepe thoughts of our harts, which alwais maye bee as a brydle to pull vs backe, that wee neither do, nor yet consent vnto anye sinne or wickednes, but that alwayes we may be so exercised in the affayres of this life, that we loke still to the ende of our course, when it shall

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please thee to bring vs  
through the pilgrimage  
of this life to our euer-  
lasting reste with thy  
deare Sonne I E S V S  
C H R I S T oure Sau-  
our. In whose name for  
these mercies and what  
soeuer thou knowest to  
be needefull for vs, and  
for the whole Church,  
we pray vnto thee, as he  
him selfe hath taught vs  
in his holye worde, say-  
ing : Our father. &c.

The Lorde bleesse vs  
and saue vs, the Lorde  
make his face to shyne  
vppon vs, and be merci-  
full vnto vs, the Lorde  
tourne

tourne his fauourable  
countenaunce towards  
vs, & grant vs his peace.  
The grace of our Lorde  
Iesus Christ, the loue of  
God the Father, & the  
moſte comfortable fel-  
lowſhippe of the holye  
Ghoſte, be with vs, pre-  
ſerue and keepe vs this  
day and euermore. A-  
men.



A C O N F E S S I O N

*of ſinnes with faith  
and repentance.*

O Merciful and Hea-  
uenlye Father, wee  
thy

thy seruants do hum-  
bly prostrate our selues  
before thy maiestye, ac-  
knowledging heere in  
thy sight our hainous  
offences committed a-  
gainst thy maiestye, see-  
ing and beholding thy  
heauye wrath againste  
them : wee feelee oure  
selues laden ( O Lorde  
our God ) with a huge  
companye of horrible  
finnes, wherof euen the  
verye leaste, beeing but  
conceiued in thought,  
is sufficient in iudge-  
ment to throw vs down  
to the euerlasting bur-  
ning lake . Our owne  
con-

consciencs, O Lorde,  
do beare witnes against  
vs, of oure manyfolde  
transgressions of thy  
blessed law, of our secu-  
rity & sencelesse blind-  
nes running head-long  
to destruction, commit-  
ting sinne after sinne, al-  
though not notorious  
to the world, yet horri-  
ble before thine eye.  
The thoughtes of oure  
hartes rise vp in iudge-  
ment against vs: the va-  
nity of our talke before  
thy maiestye condem-  
neth vs: the wickednes  
of our deedes from thy  
sight reiecteth vs: al our  
wic-

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wicked thoughts, words  
and deeds, with the in-  
ward corruption of our  
nature, do altogeather  
as it were a whole lump  
and loade of sinne, lye  
heauie vppon vs, and  
with their intollerable  
weight do euen presse  
vs down to hell. Wee  
do daylye grone vnder  
the burthen of them in-  
wardly lamenting our  
owne folly so greedily  
running into them. In  
Heauen, Earth, or Hel,  
wee see none able to  
sustaine the weight of  
them, but euē the dear-  
lye beloued Sonne Ie-  
sus



fus Chrſt, who in mercy infinite, and compaſſion endleſſe, hath ſuſtained and ouer come that endleſſe punniſhment due vnto them: in him therefore in him, moſt meeifull father & through him wee come to thee, being fully aſſured according to thy promiſe, that thou wilt accept and take that full recompence which hee thy deere Sonne hath made for vs, as a iuſt raunſome for all the finnes of all thoſe who with a true faith take houlde on him.

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In him therefore we see thine angertowards vs appeased, thy wrath satisfied, and our debts payde.

Increase in vs, good Lord, we beseech thee, this liuely and feeling faith, for wee feelee it oftentimes in vs verye weake, & troubled with many doubttes: increase it in vs ( O Lorde ) that wee may through thy holy spirite bee assured that the punnishment of our sinnes is fully in thy sonne discharged. Make vs, O Lorde our God, to feelee this same  
in

in our soules and consciences, that I E S V S C H R I S T is ours, and all that hee hath done: that we are graffed into his body, and made one with him, and therefore fellow heires with him of euerlasting life. Let vs not onely haue these wordes in our mouthes ( good Lord ) but through thy holye spirite lette vs feeble the comfort of them in our heartes fully sealed and fetled in vs: that we feeling our selues inwardly before thy iudgment seat, discharged and our  
con-

consciencs towardes  
thee appeased, may bee  
swallowed vp with an  
vnfained loue towarde  
thy heauenly Maiestie,  
and towardes thy bre-  
thren for thy sake. Make  
sin to dye in vs dayly  
more & more, that we  
may hate, detest, & vt-  
terly abhor all sin and  
wickednesse in all men,  
but especiallye in oure  
selues : that wee maye  
strongly thorough thy  
holye spirite sette our  
selues in open warre &  
defiance against all sinn  
and wickednesse : that  
we please not ourselues  
in

in our finnes, but strait-  
lye examining sin by  
the iust rule of thy ho-  
ly Lawes, wee maye vt-  
terly from the bottom  
of our hearts condemn  
euen the leaste sinne  
in our selues, hauinge  
our whole ioy, comfort  
and consolation vppon  
those thinges whiche  
bee agreeable to thy  
blessed will, alwayes  
beeing afrayde to doe  
any thing contrarye to  
the same: that we may  
euen from the bottom  
of our hearts examine  
and try our thoughtes,  
before thy presence,  
that



that they be vpright & vnfaigned, not hipocriticall in outwarde shew onely and appearance, but that euen all corners of our harts being opened and disclosed before thee, we maye euen as though it were openly before the face of the whole worlde bring them in shewe, knowing that a dubble hart is detestable in thin eyes : and that we may walke alwaies as before thine eyes, not only before the eyes of man, beeing more careful to walke circumspectlye,  
in

in this respect, that wee  
haue thee to be a vewer  
of our doinges, a thou-  
sande folde more then  
the eyes of man : that  
thus we maye walke as  
becommeth thy chil-  
dren, not onely in out-  
warde shew, but also in  
sincerity of hart, abhor-  
ring euen the least sinn  
in our selues, stryuing,  
resisting and fighting a-  
gainst sinne, not deligh-  
ting our selues in sinne,  
nor norishing the same  
in our brest, but earnest  
lye embracing, and stu-  
dioulye seeking after  
those thinges which be  
pleasant

pleasant in thine eyes:  
that neither the feare of  
man, nor losse of goods  
life, landes, possessions,  
or friends draw vs away  
from thee, to doe anye  
least thing contrarye to  
thy will and pleasure:  
neither the fauoure or  
friendship of man, nor  
yet the flattering entice  
mentes of this worlde,  
nor the vaine promoti-  
ons of the same doe  
moue vs any whit from  
the true and endles ioy,  
delighte and pleasure  
which we ought to haue  
in those thinges which  
be agreeable to thy wil,  
and

and the constaunt performance of the same: but that alwayes to the end of our lyfe we may continue in thy pathes, growing and increasing from faith to faith, from strength to strength, till at length we shall come to thy euerlasting rest.



A F O R M E O F M O R -  
*ning praier necessarye for this  
present time for godly chri-  
stians, to vse in their  
houses and fa-  
milies.*

**W**E most humblye  
thank thee O hea-  
uenly

uenlye Father ) for the  
sweete & quiet rest that  
we haue had this night,  
for the louing and fa-  
uourable deliuerance  
out of all dangers both  
of bodye and Soule,  
which we iustly deserue  
to be throwne into for  
our manyfolde finnes:  
for that thou haste ray-  
sed vs vp this morning,  
we pray thee to goe be-  
fore vs: and for as much  
as thou seest our slug-  
gishnes and drowfines,  
it woulde please thee  
(good Lord) to pull vs  
after thee, and to shewe  
vs those wayes, which  
thou



thou hast appoynted vs  
to walk in. And as thou  
renuest this morning, so  
renue thy mercies: and  
as thou causdest the Sun  
comfortablye to shine  
to our bodilye eyes, so  
vouchsafe (wee praye  
thee) to be Sunne vnto  
our bodyes and to our  
soules, by the beames  
of thy holy Spirite, and  
Starre of thy blessed  
Word, shining into the  
middest of our harts, to  
driue away all the night  
and darknes of all pro-  
phanenesse: to chase a-  
waye all want of true  
feare of thy good Ma-  
iesty:

iesty : and in place thereof, bring in loue towards thy glory, zeale of thy house, loue also towards our brethren: especiallye those that thou aboue the rest cōmendest vnto vs, that we may loue them with that loue, wherewithall thou hast first loued vs: which is pure, vncorrupt, vehement, and euerlasting: and therefore we praye thee to ridde our hartes of all naughtye and corrupt loue, and whatsoeuer is vnmeete to bee in those vessels that are to serue  
such

such a mightye Prince  
as thou arte : and in  
those houses wherein  
it pleaseth thy maiestye  
by thy holye Spirite to  
dwell : and therefore  
on the other side (good  
Lord) chace away from  
vs all rancor and ma-  
lice, all pride, enuiouf-  
nesse, disdaynefulnesse,  
vncharitablenesse, vn-  
naturalnesse, vnkinde-  
nesse, and whatsoeuer is  
contrarye to that loue,  
wherof thou hast giuen  
vs a liuely example in  
our saniour Iesus christ:  
vnto the which exam-  
ple, grant (good Lord)  
that

that wee may alwayes  
haue oure eyes lifted  
vp, and therein holden,  
and caused thereby to  
profit, vntill such time  
as we come to that per-  
fection, wherunto thou  
hast appointed we shall  
come. Vouchsafe more  
ouer by the comming  
of the selfe same Spirit,  
to scatter in vs all the  
night and darknesse of  
ignoraunce, and forget-  
fulnesse, and of all those  
things which pertaine  
to the clearer and fuller  
knowledge of thy truth  
Take from vs all negli-  
gence, all want of iudg-  
ment

ment and discretion, & deliuer vs from al those thinges, which thou knowest to bee hinderaunces to vs, either to walke in that great callinge of Christianitye whervnto thou hast called vs, or in those seuerall and particular callinges wherein thou hast placed euery one of vs: that we maye walke so ( good Lorde ) both in the one & in the other, that thy name maye be glorified in both.

We praye not onely for our selues (O moste merciful Father) but for

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all those that thou hast  
appointed to eternall  
life: beseeching thee  
to gather the number  
of those that are to bee  
gathered; those that  
thou hast alreadye cal-  
led, thou wouldest al-  
wayes keepe: and to  
this end (good Lorde)  
rayse vp faithfull mini-  
sters both of thy church  
and common weale,  
whose heartes thou  
wouldest fyll with all  
graces of thy holy spi-  
rit meete for their cal-  
linges, meete also for  
these dangerous times:  
roote out from among  
thy

thy church, al rauening  
and deuouring beasts,  
which to fyll their own  
bellies, distroy thy flok,  
ease thy selfe of all hire-  
lings & idle shepherds,  
which haue no care nor  
skil to feed thi flok with  
the holsom food of thy  
blessed worde, nor to  
rule them with that e-  
quitye, wherewithall  
thou wilt haue thy  
people to bee ruled:  
those Pastoures that  
thou haste giuen, it  
woulde please thee to  
increase the number of  
thē: those that are falne  
a sleepe & caried away  
2 with

with the corruptions of  
these times, that thou  
wouldest awake, letting  
them vnderstande the  
charge that thou haste  
mitted vnto them, the  
trust that thou hast put  
them in, and the accōpt  
that thou wilt take at  
their handes. Be grati-  
ous (O Lord) vnto this  
land of ours, and enter  
not into iudgemēt with  
the horrible sinnes of it,  
namelye, the contempt  
and light esteeming of  
thy holy word, so many  
yeares offered vnto vs,  
and wee beeing trusted  
withall, so manye Nati-  
ons

ons better then we being passed by, whiche woulde haue brought foorth the fruite therof more then wee haue done: and we not onely haue brought foorth no good fruite, but rotten and vnfaourye, to prouoke thy Maiestye withall: notwithstanding all these our finnes, it woulde please thee in that loue, wherewithall thou hast first loued vs, when we hated thee, & in that long patience wherein thou haste hitherto borne with vs, and doest yet beare and

tarriest for our repentance: to grant vs heartie and earnest repentance, our heartes being effectually touched with thy holyc Spirite, strikinge these rockye hearts of ours, that they maye bee resolved into riuers of teares for oure synnes, making them soft and meeke to receiue the print of thy holy word, and scale of thy blessed spirite, writing with thy fynger thine own laws in the, so, that thou maist read thine owne hande, acknowledge thine owne scale,



seale, & so passe by vs,  
when thou shalt bring  
thy iudgement vppon  
the face of the earth, for  
the iniquities thereof:  
whereof thou haste gi-  
uen, and still giuest, frō  
time to time diuers to-  
kens, which we beseech  
thee may be profitable  
vnto vs, whilst first of  
al we acknowledge thy  
hande striking vs, and  
thy counsayle callinge  
vs thereby to repen-  
taunce, that thy hea-  
uier iudgementes doe  
not fall vpon vs, to our  
vtter destruction.

Moreouer, we thank thee (O Lorde) for that it hath pleased thee to be the watch-mā, and as it were the spie of this Church and common wealth, and haste fore-seene all the stormes, & treasons comming againste it, and againste thine annoynted oure Souaraigne, whōe thou in mercye hast appoynted to rule ouer it, and hast scattered them and brought thē to naught, and haste pursued certaine of thine enemyes and ours vnto death, be seeching thee to continue

nue this watchfull and  
carefull eye ouer vs, still  
to doe vs good, and to  
pursue the rest of thine  
enemies and ours vnto  
the graue: giuing not-  
withstanding repentāce  
vnto them, vnto whom  
thou haste left place of  
repentaunce. And to  
this ende, raise vp the  
harts of our most grati-  
ous **Q V E E N E** & her  
honourable Counsell  
thy Magistrates, that as  
they sit in thy seate, and  
are called by thy name,  
so they maye execute  
thy iustice, which thou  
so well approouest of,  
where-

whereof also thou wilt  
require a straighte ac-  
compt at their hands.  
Wee desire thee also to  
shewe these thy graces  
to all other Churches  
of thine, namely, thy  
Church of Englande,  
that it may enioye that  
peace that thou hast gi-  
uen it: and graunt that  
the same be referred to  
that end wherfore thou  
hast giuen it: namelye,  
to the ful establishment  
of the throne of thy  
dear sonn our Sauour  
I E S V S C H R I S T, &  
to the building of his  
Kingdome there. Wee  
be-

besech thee also, for the churches which thi hād hath plāted long since, especiall ye those, from whō we haue receiued knowledge in time of our ignorāce, places of refuge in time of persecution : that it woulde please thee to continue thy louing kindnes towards them, and therefore cause them to continue their faith toward thee, & obedience towards thy holy worde. And whensoever it shal bee thy pleasure, to try them with any kinde of affliction , it woulde please



please thee to graunt  
vnto them, that they  
maye put their truste in  
thee, hauing regarde to  
the truth of thy promi-  
ses, and to the good ex-  
perience that they haue  
of thy helpe in times  
past, and thereby con-  
ceiue comfort & hope,  
(O Lorde) euen of life  
in death, and of salua-  
tion in destruction. We  
praye thee also (good  
lord) that we may haue  
the feeling of the mise-  
ries of our brethren, as  
members of the same  
body, & those that liue  
by the same spirite. And  
ther-

therefore we pray thee,  
that according to the  
manyfold troubles that  
thou shalt visite them  
with, it woulde bee thy  
good pleasure, to mea-  
sure out rhy grace in  
such plentifull maner,  
that thy children maye  
patiently beare, and ioy  
fullye attende, for the  
good howre wherein  
thou wilt pul them out  
of all their troubles.

And especially we pray  
thy maiesty for our bre-  
thren that are afflicted  
for thy Gospell sake:  
namelye, those that suf-  
fer imprisonment or o-  
ther-

therwise in any nation,  
for the clearer testimo-  
ny of it: that it woulde  
please thee to giue the  
patience in all their  
troubles, wisdom and  
mouthes to defend thy  
cause, against all those  
that rise vp againste it:  
that thou woldst blesse  
their trauels and suffe-  
rings, for that for which  
they are taken: which  
is, to giue a freer course  
of thy gospel into al pla-  
ces. And therewithall  
wee beeseeche thee for  
the churches of France  
and Flaunders, which  
are so miserably racked  
and

and torn in sunder, and which are almost consumed with these fierie trials: that it wold plesse thee to looke vpon the sighings and gronings, the teares that fall from their eies continually, the bloud that is shed in all the partes of the Lande, the bodies that lye vnburied, to bee meate to the foules of the ayre, and Fishes of the Sea, the lonenes of wiues lacking ther husbands, children their fathers, & euery frend his freind. And for asmuch as those thynges are  
come

come vppon them for  
thy names sake, let it be  
thy good pleasure to  
helpe them considering  
that they are forsaken  
of all their friends round  
about : and therefore  
praye thee that thou  
wouldest not looke vpon  
our sinnes, nor the  
sins of our forefathers,  
wherby we deserue not  
onelye this correction,  
but vtter destruction, as  
Sodom & Gomorrha :  
but rather to looke vpon  
thy mercies which were  
before them : whereby  
thou hast sayde, that al-  
though we doe offend,  
and



and thou doest correct  
vs, yet thou wilt not  
take awaye thy mercies  
from vs, but wilt leaue  
a remnant which thou  
wilt multiply, and make  
as the starres of the hea-  
uen, and as the sandes  
of the sea. Looke also  
(O lord) vpon the out-  
ragiousnes and cruelty,  
vnfaithfulnes, and blas-  
phemy of the enemies,  
wherewithal they blas-  
pheme thee, and pro-  
voke thee to thy face,  
and therefore in thine  
owne cause, and for  
thine own sake, take the  
matter into thine owne  
handes,

handes , and pay into  
the Bosomes of thine  
enymies double and  
treble of that they haue  
giuen to thee. Not-  
withstanding, those a-  
mongest them, that be-  
long to thine holy ele-  
ction, hasten their cal-  
ling, that afterward thy  
iudgement may hasten  
vpon the earth, and the  
inhabitants therof may  
learn to knowe thee by  
thy iudgementes ; that  
would not vnderstand  
and come to thee , by  
the louing callinge of  
thy Gospell. Wee pray  
thee (O Lorde) for our  
brc-

brethren that are vp in  
arms in both those coun-  
tries: that thou wouldst  
goe before them, and  
come behinde them,  
and on euerye syde of  
them: couer their heads  
in the daye of battell,  
teache their handes to  
fycht, & their fingers to  
war: giue them wisdom  
& valiantnes, and good  
succes in al their enter-  
prises: strike a dizeſſe  
& maze of ſpirite into  
the enimies hearts, and  
take away from them al  
force, and diſappoint all  
their counſels. And vpon  
our brethren in Flāders  
we

we beseeche thee that  
thou wouldest comfort  
them ouer all thy trou-  
bles that they haue re-  
ceiued, and breaches  
that haue beene made  
in vpon them:& where  
there are new forces e-  
uery day gathered, new  
fleights inuented to de-  
stroy thē, it maye please  
thee, to scatter their  
forces, and bring their  
fleights to nothing. yea  
grant also (O lord) that  
that which they haue  
deuised against thy chil-  
dren, may come vppon  
their own heades. And  
for oure Brethren in  
Fraunce

Fraunce wee beseeche thee ( O Lorde ) what straights so euer thei be in, thou wouldest deliuer them : and althogh they be forsaken in the iudgement of all the world, and in their own iudgementes, notwithstanding thou that hast the issues of death in thine owne handes, deliuer those that are appointed to death. And finally we most humbly thanke thee, for that it hath pleased thee to keepe vs this daye, and all the dayes and times of our liues, beseeching thee,



thee, that thou wouldst  
receiue vs this night in  
to thy holye keeping,  
that we may haue qui-  
et rest, not of bodies a-  
lone, but of our soules  
also, restinge from all  
those things that are  
contrarye to thy most  
holy wil, atēding while  
thou raisest vs vp in the  
morning, to do al those  
thinges that thou hast  
appointed vs. These  
thinges wee desire of  
thee, & all other things  
(which thou knowest  
to bee more needfull  
for vs, and thy whole  
Church, better then we  
our

our selues do know) for  
Iesus Christes sake: sai-  
ing the same praier, that  
hee hym selfe hath  
taught vs. Our father.  
&c.

*A forme of euening prayer,  
necessary to be vsed of all chri-  
stians in their houses and  
families.*

*Psal. 55. vers. 16.*

I vwill call vnto GOD, and the  
Lord vwill saue me: Euening &  
Morning, and at noone will I  
pray & make a noise, and hee  
vwill heare my voice.

**V**VE moſte hum-  
blye beſeeche  
thee, O gracious God  
and heauenlye Father,  
euen

euen for thy sonne Iesus Christes sake, to pardon and forgiue vs all our sinnes, in rhought, worde and deede committed against thy holy lawes and commandementes, to tourne away from vs gratiouflye all those plagues which we most iustlye haue deserued for them, both in this lyfe and in the lyfe to come, working in our harts euery day by the holye spirite more true and vnfayned sorrow for thē, with greater care euer hereafter to know thy blessed wil  
reuea-

reuealed in thy worde,  
and to order all our o-  
pinions and doings ac-  
cording to the same,&  
so much the rather, O  
Lorde , because of thy  
manyfolde blessinges,  
wherby thou dost day-  
ly mooue vs herevnto,  
for the which ( O hea-  
uenlye father ) make vs  
more hartely thankfull,  
specially for our recrea-  
tion at the firste after  
thine owne holinesse &  
righteousnesse, for our  
redemption by I E S V S  
C H R I S T, when wee  
were vtterly losse, for  
that knowledge of our  
E      faui-

Sauour, which by the  
preaching of thy blef-  
sed Gospell thorough  
thy holye Spirite thou  
haste wrought in oure  
heartes, for true repen-  
taunce, for fayth, hope,  
and loue, for watchful-  
nesse in oure dooinges,  
and all other gyftes of  
thy grace pertayninge  
to oure saluation, all  
which graces (O Lord)  
are verye weake in vs,  
because of the greate  
wickednesse of oure  
heartes striuing against  
thy holy spirite, so as in  
thy wrath thou mightest  
test



teste iustlye forsake vs  
vtterly : (yet O Lorde)  
let it bee thy grations  
pleasure to increase  
them in oure heartes  
euerye daye , euen so  
long as we lyue in this  
worlde, as of thy good-  
nesse thou haste begun,  
that thereby the assu-  
raunce of oure saluati-  
on maye be more cer-  
taynelye sealed vppe  
vnto oure owne con-  
sciences , that so wee  
maye also learne to bee  
more truely thankfull  
vnto thy MAIESTIE  
for the benefites of  
this lyfe : Namelye,  
2 that

that thou hast hitherto  
euer since wee were  
borne, giuen vs those  
things that were need-  
full for oure bodies, as  
health, foode apparrell,  
and such like, that thou  
hast kept vs from many  
daungers, comfort vs in  
all our troubles , and  
strengthen vs in all our  
weaknesse , and giuing  
vs grace this daye to la-  
bour faithfully & true-  
lye in our callinges, ha-  
uing brought vs safelye  
passe all the daungers  
thereof, vnto this pre-  
sent howre . O Lorde  
forgiue vs the sinnes of  
this

this daye, and of oure  
whole life, and special-  
lye our great vnthank-  
fulnesse for these thy  
manifold blessings, and  
in IESVS CHRIST thy  
deare sonne, continue  
them towardes vs euer  
hereafter both in soules  
and bodies, and speci-  
allye this night receiue  
vs into thy blessed kee-  
ping, preferue vs from  
all daungers, from sin,  
frō al vngodly dreames  
and fansies, graunting  
vnto vs cōfortable rest,  
so as wee maye bee the  
better strengthened to  
serue thee faithfully in

our calling, and giuing  
vs grace alwayes both  
sleeping and waking, to  
bee readye when thou  
shalt call vs out of this  
miserable worlde. Last  
of all, because thou hast  
commanded vs to pray  
for others also, wee be-  
seech thee good Lorde  
be mercifull to all Na-  
tions, specially to those  
Churches where thy  
Gospell is truely prea-  
ched, continue thy mer-  
cy towards this realme,  
preserue oure Queene,  
blesse her Counsell,  
and all in aucthoritye  
with necessarye graces,  
in-

increase the number  
of faythfull Preachers,  
strengthen the Godly,  
lighten the ignoraunt,  
conuert the wicked, be  
merciful vnto al scholes  
and places of learning,  
to all our friendes and  
kinsfolkes, and others,  
afflicted in bodye or in  
soule, graunting to eue-  
rye one of them, as to  
oure selues, those ne-  
cessarye graces whiche  
thou knoweste to bee  
needfull for euery one  
of vs in oure seuerall  
estates and callinges,  
to the glorye of thy  
name, and the better



assurance of our saluation through CHRIST IESVS, in whose name we aske of thy maiesty as hee hath taught vs. Our Father.&c.



*Euening prayer for priuate  
houses and families.*

O Gracious God, and  
louing Father, according to thy cōmandement, wee doe heere presente our selues before thy maiesty, humbly prostrating our selues before the throne of mercy, acknowledg-  
ing

ing and confessing frō  
the bottome of oure  
heartes that we be mi-  
serable sinners, daylye  
breaking thy comman-  
dementes , bothe in  
thought, word, & deed,  
wherein wee iustly de-  
serue euerlasting dam-  
nation, and to be vtter-  
ly thrown from thy pre-  
sence: yet, O Lorde, we  
see thy goodnes again  
towards vs, who not  
suffering vs thus to pe-  
rish in our sinnes, haste  
sent thine owne deare  
son Iesus Christ, to take  
vppon him whatsoeuer  
is due, to reconcile and  
make

make vs at owne with  
thee agayne : In hym  
therefore, good Lorde,  
& through him do wee  
come vnto the, besech-  
ing the for his sake, that  
wee feeling the gree-  
uousnesse of our sinnes  
and groning vnder the  
burthen of them, maye  
feele the release & ease  
of them, in that wee be  
through thy holy spirit  
assured, and steadfastly  
belecue, that Christe  
hath borne the burthen  
of them, caueu for vs.  
Graunte O Lorde, that  
we beeing assured here-  
of, in our consciences,  
maye

maye through thy holy Spirit bee renuce in the inner man, to hate, detest and abhorre sinne, and to studie to liue accordinge to thy blessed will duringe our whole life.

Wee do not onelye pray for our selues, but also for all thy whole Church, especiallye such as bee persecuted for thy worde : graunt vnto them, that whether it bee thy death or life, they may glorify thy name to their liues end. Be merciful to this  
Church

Church of England & Irelande, wee beseeche thee good Lorde, to preferue euery part and member of the same, especially thy seruant ELIZABETH our queen: graunt her all such gifts as bee needefull for so high a calling, to the aduauncement of thy glory, and benefite of this common wealth, to the establisshing of a perfect gouernment of thy Church, according to the prescript rule of thy blessed word, to the rooting out of al superstition and reliques of  
Anti-



Antichriste, to the governing of her subiects in al peace and tranquillity . Defende her, O Lorde, from all conspiracies, treasons, and rebellions, and so worke in the heartes of all her subiectes, that knowing her authoritye dothe come from thy heauēly maiestye, they may with obedient heartes humblye obey her in thee and for thee. Preserue the whole Counsayle, and all the magistrates of the realm, that being lightned through thy holye spirite, they  
may

maye defend thy truth,  
suppresse wickednesse,  
and maintaine equitie.  
Beholde all the Pastors  
and Preachers of the  
worde, blesse their la-  
bors, increase the num-  
ber of them, place  
ouer euery Church a  
painefull watchman, re-  
moue all idle Lubbers  
& confound the pow-  
er of Antichriste, and  
turne the heartes of the  
people that they maye  
be obediēt to thy truth  
Blesse the two Vniuer-  
sities, Cambridge and  
Oxenforde, and all the  
Studentes of the same,  
with

with al Schooles of learning. Beholde all those that bee afflicted with any kinde of crosse, that they may profit by thy correction in newnesse of lyfe.

Lastly, for our selues here gathered, wee render most hearty thanks to thy maiestie, O Lord which hast hitherto frō our infancye, preserued vs by thy mercie from all perils and daungers both of soule and body whervnto fraile man is subiect, that thou haste sent vno vs all thinges necessary for this presēt life,

life, as health, foode, apparell, and such like, which manye of thy dear children do want, being notwithstanding as preciousely boughte with the precious blod of thy deare Sonne, as we be, & yet lye in misery and calamity, oppressed with pouertye, nakednesse, imprisonment and banishment, in which case also, dear Father, thou mightest haue brought vs, saue onelye that thou dealest heerein more fauourably with vs, then with them. For the  
which

which thy louing kind-  
nesse, we giue thee har-  
ty thanks, desiring thee,  
that as thou hast hither-  
to thus fauourablye in  
mercy preferued vs by  
thy protection, and e-  
uen presently this daye  
haste brought vs past al  
the dangers thereof: so  
we beseeche thee good  
Lord, in like fauour be-  
hold vs this night, that  
we taking our naturall  
rest and quietnesse, may  
thorough thy protecti-  
on bee defended, that  
our bodyes resting, our  
souls may be occupied  
in beholding thy fauor  
and



and mercy toward thy  
children, stil looking for  
the comming of Lorde  
and Sauioure I E S Y S  
C H R I S T for oure  
full redemption. Grant  
that our sleepe bee not  
immoderate, according  
to the lust of our fleshe,  
but as much as is suffi-  
cient to refreshe oure  
weake nature : that be-  
ing thus refreshed both  
the body and the mind  
maye bee more able to  
do their feuerall office  
and function, in that vo-  
cation wherein thou  
hast placed vs.

Graunt that we lay-  
ing

ing our bodies downe  
to rest, maye bee there-  
by put in mind of oure  
long rest of death : that  
as we do now lai down  
our bodies in bedde, so  
wee maye bee thereby  
admonished, that here-  
after they shall bee laid  
downe in graue, to bee  
consumed to Duste,  
Earth, and Ashes, from  
whence they were ta-  
ken. That wee hauing  
this before oure eyes,  
maye bee styrred vpp  
in minde warelye to  
walke in this our pil-  
grymage, not knowe-  
ing

ing when the time shal  
be of our departure, but  
alwayes to bee founde  
ready with our lampes  
of our pure faith cleare-  
ly burning, that we may  
bee accepted to meete  
the Bridegrome, when  
our mortal, earthly, and  
corruptible bodies shal  
be made like to the glo-  
rious body of our lord  
and sauiour Christ Iesu,  
there to raigne with  
him in perpetuall ioye  
and consolation togea-  
ther with all the elect  
children of God, conti-  
nually lauding with all  
the heauenly multitude  
the

the glorious maieſty of thee our Lord God & heauenly Father, in our Lorde and ſauour Ieſu Chriſt. For theſe and whatſoeuer elſe thou knoweſt to be needfull for vs and thy whole Church, we praye vnto thee, as he him ſelf hath taught vs, ſaying : Our Father. &c.

The Lorde bleſſe vs and ſaue vs, the Lorde make his face to ſhine vpon vs, and be mercifull vnto vs : the Lord tourne his fauourable countenance vnto vs, and grant vs his peace.  
The

The grace of our Lorde  
Iesus Christ, the loue of  
God the Father , & the  
moste comfortable fel-  
lowshippe of the holye  
Ghoste, be with vs, pre-  
serue and keepe vs this  
day and euermore. A-  
men.

*A forme of euening prayer,  
necessary to be vsed of all chri-  
stians in their houses and  
families.*

O Lorde prepare onr  
hartes to pray, bow  
down thine eares (deare  
Father) and heare vs, o-  
pen thine eyes & looke  
vppon vs for thy deare  
Sonne



Son Iesus Christes sake,  
and receiue our humble  
confessiō that we make  
to thee againste our sel-  
ues, which haue broken  
all thy lawes, and there-  
fore deserue to haue thy  
heauy iudgments pow-  
red vpon our heades to  
our vtter destruction, if  
thou shouldest enter in-  
to iudgement with the  
leaste of oure sinnes,  
whereof wee haue so  
great and infinite thou-  
sands: notwithstanding  
we praye thee to turne  
away thy face from our  
sinnes, and for I E S V S  
C H R I S T E S sake to  
for-

forgiue vs all that is  
past, and graunt that we  
may haue the assurance  
of the forgiuenes of our  
finnes, sealed vp by thy  
holy spirite in our con-  
sciences, whereby we  
knowing that we are at  
one with thee, maye  
haue our harts kindled  
with thy loue so fer-  
uently, as it maye waste  
in vs all that is againste  
thy holy will. And for  
this cause we beseech  
thee, good Lord, to go  
forward with the work  
of our new byrth, that  
thou haste begunne in  
vs, and neuer take away  
thy

thy hande, vntill such  
time as thou hast made  
an end of it: and to this  
end, we beseech thee to  
slaye in vs euerye daye,  
more and more the old  
man with his concupif-  
cences, nailing them to  
the crosse of thy deare  
sonne Iesus Christ: and  
causing vs to feele the  
power of his passion in  
our bodies and in oure  
soules, that we beeing  
partakers thereof, maye  
come also to the felow-  
ship of thy holye resur-  
rection: not onelye in  
that we shall once ap-  
peare before thee, ha-  
F            uing

uing these our base bodies chaunged , and made like vnto his glorious bodye , but also that wee maye in the mean timerise from the death of sin to all newnesse of life , and that our good works may so shine before men , that they seeing them may glorify thee our heauēly father: not only they that are of the self same Religion with vs , but but those also that are enimies vnto thy truth , may rather in the time of their calling by the voyce of thy Gospell ,  
yeeld

yeeld themselves to be  
one sheepfold with vs.  
And we moste humbly  
thank thee (O Heauen-  
ly father) for all thy lo-  
uing kyndenesse be-  
stowed vppon vs from  
time to time, and espe-  
cially for that olde and  
ancient Loue, where-  
withall thou hast loued  
vs before the beginng  
of the worlde: for that  
also that thou calling  
vs by the voyce of thy  
Holye Gospell in that  
good tyme that thou  
appoyntedst for vs, hast  
giuen vs faith, hope,  
and loue, and all other



graces which thou knowest to bee needfull for vs : which we beseeche thee to increase in vs with mighty increases, according to that thou seest we haue neede of, hauing regarde to oure manifold enemies, that wee haue to wrestle with: and that we haue not to strue with fleshe and bloud, but againste the Diuels themselves. And therefore considering their strength, and our weakenesse, their craft and oure simplicitie, their watchfulnesse and oure sluggishnesse, their

their long experience  
and our rawnesse, their  
preparation & our nakednesse, and that wee  
haue not only nothing  
to helpe vs, but also to  
carry about vs our own  
concupiscences, readye  
to betraye vs into the  
handes of our enemies,  
it maye please thee to  
furnish vs from aboue,  
giuing vs the strength  
of thy holy spirit, in the  
inner man, reaching vn-  
to vs the compleat har-  
nes of thy grace, where-  
with we beeing armed  
on both sides, maye be  
prepared at all assaies a-

gainst all assaults of our enemies . And forasmuch as in this weaknesse wee oftentimes giue backe, and sometimes runne away, wee pray thee (O Lord) that with the hand of faith, wee may lay holde on the victory of our Sauiour Iesus Christ: that albeit we be not able to ouercome in our owne persons, yet notwithstanding we may ouercome in his, who hath ouercommed for vs all, & so bee partakers of those promises that thou hast knit vnto that glorious victory

victory. And we most  
humblye thanke thee  
also for those graces  
both of the bodye and  
soule, which pertaine  
to this present life: desi-  
ring thee to increase  
them vppon vs, and in  
vs, so farre foorth as  
thou seest wee haue  
neede of to thy glory,  
the commodity of o-  
thers, and our owne  
comforts: therefore we  
beseech thee, Lord, to  
teach vs with thy holy  
Spirite the lawfull vse  
of the: that thou woul-  
dest not suffer our harts  
to bee rooted in them,

4 but

but that at all times we  
maye be willing to part  
from them. And when-  
soever it shall please  
thee to call for vs, wee  
may willingly goe vnto  
thee, as childrē to their  
deare Fathers, strangers  
vnto their own Coun-  
try, and members of the  
body vnto their Head:  
and so much the glad-  
der, by how much thou  
Lord art better then all  
the men in the worlde,  
and the kingdome that  
thou hast prepared, bet-  
ter then all the king-  
domes thereof.

We pray not only for  
our



our selues (O most mercifull Father) but for all those that thou hast appointed to eternall life : beseeching thee to gather the number of those that are to bee gathered ; those that thou hast alreadye called, thou wouldest alwayes keepe : and to this end (good Lorde) rayse vp faithfull ministers both of thy church and common weale, whose heartes thou wouldest fyll with the graces of thy holy spirit meete for their callinges, meete also for these

these dangerous times:  
roote out from among  
thy church, al rauening  
and deuouring beasts,  
which to fyll their own  
bellies, distroy thy flock,  
ease thy selfe of all hire-  
lings & idle shepherds,  
which haue no care nor  
skil to feed thi flock with  
the holsom food of thy  
blessed worde, nor to  
rule them with that e-  
quitye, wherewithall  
thou wilt haue thy  
people to bee ruled:  
those Pastoures that  
thou haste giuen, it  
woulde please thee to  
increase the number of  
them,

them, those that are fallen asleepe and carried away with the corruptions of these tymes, that thou wouldest awake, letting them vnderstande the charge that thou haste committed vnto them, the trust that thou hast put them in, and the accōpt that thou wilt take at their handes. Be gracious ( O Lorde ) vnto this lande of ours, and enter not into iudgement with the horrible sins of it, namely, the cōtempt & light esteeming of thy holyc worde, so  
many

many yeares offred vn-  
to vs, and we being tru-  
sted withall, so manye  
nations better then we  
being passed by, which  
woulde haue brought  
foorth the fruit thereof  
more thē we haue don:  
and we not onely haue  
brought forth no good  
fruit, but rotten and vn-  
sauory, to prouoke rhy  
Maieesty withall: not-  
withstanding all these  
our sins, it would please  
thee in that loue, wher-  
withall thou haste firste  
loued vs, when we ha-  
ted thee, & in that long  
patience wherein thou  
hast

hast hitherto born with  
vs, and dost yet beare, &  
tarriest for our repen-  
tance: to grant vs hear-  
tie and earnest repen-  
taunce, our heartes be-  
ing effectually touched  
with thy holye Spirite,  
strikinge these rockye  
hearts of ours, that thei  
maye bee resolued into  
riuers of teares for oure  
synnes, making them  
soft and meeke to re-  
ceiue the print of thy  
holy word, and scale of  
thy blessed spirite, wri-  
ting with thy fynger  
thine own laws in thé,  
so, that thou maist read  
thine



thine owne hande, acknowledge thine owne  
seale, & so passe by vs,  
when thou shalt bring  
thy iudgement vppon  
the face of the earth, for  
the iniquities thereof:  
whereof thou haste gi-  
uen, and still giuest, frō  
time to time diuers to-  
kens, which we beseech  
thee may be profitable  
vnto vs, whilst first of  
al we acknowledge thy  
hande striking vs, and  
thy counsaile callinge  
vs thereby to repen-  
taunce, that thy hea-  
uier iudgements doe  
not fall vpon vs, to our  
vtter-

vtter destruction.

Moreouer, we thank thee (O Lorde) for that it hath pleased thee to be the watch-man, and as it were the spie of this Church and common wealth, and haste foreseen al the stormes, and treasons comming againste it, and againste hine annoynted oure SOVERAIGNE, whome thou in mercye hast appoynted to rule ouer it, and haste scattered them and broughte them to naught, and haste pursued certayne of thyne Ennemyes,  
and

and ours vnto death, be  
seeching thee to conti-  
nue this watchfull and  
carefull eye ouer vs, still  
to doe vs good, and to  
pursue the rest of thine  
enemies and ours vnto  
the graue : giuing not-  
withstanding repentāce  
vnto them, vnto whom  
thou haste left place of  
repentaunce. And to  
this ende , raise vp the  
harts of our most grati-  
ous Q V E E N E, & her  
honourable Counsell  
thy Magistrates, that as  
they sit in thy seate, and  
are called by thy name,  
so they maye execute  
thy

thy iustice, which thou  
so well approouest of,  
whereof also thou wilt  
require a straighe ac-  
compt at their hands.  
Wee desire thee also, to  
shewe these thy graces  
to all other Churches  
of thine, namely, thy  
Church of Englande,  
that it may enioye that  
peace that thou hast gi-  
uen it: and graunt that  
the same be referred to  
that end wherfore thou  
hast giuen it: namelye,  
to the ful establishment  
of the throne of thy  
dear sonn our Saujour  
I E S V S C H R I S T, &  
to

to the building of his  
Kingdome there. Wee  
besech thee also, for the  
churches which thi hād  
hath plāted long since,  
especiall ye those, from  
whō we haue receiued  
knowledge in time of  
our ignorāce, places of  
refuge in time of perse-  
cution : that it woulde  
please thee to continue  
thy louing kindnes to-  
wards them, and there-  
fore cause them to con-  
tinue their faith toward  
thee, & obedience to-  
wards thy holy worde.  
And whensoever it shal  
bee thy pleasure, to try  
them



them with any kinde of affliction , it woulde please thee to graunt vnto them , that they maye put their truste in thee, hauing regarde to the truth of thy promises, and to the good experience that they haue of thy helpe in tymes paste, and thereby conceiue comfort & hope, (O Lorde) euen of life in death , and of saluation in destruction. We praye thee also ( good lord) that we may haue the feeling of the miseries of our brerhren, as members of the same body,

body, & those that liue  
by the same spirite. And  
therefore we pray thee,  
that according to the  
manifold troubles that  
thou shalt visite them  
with, it woulde be thy  
good pleasure, to mea-  
sure out thy grace in  
such plentifull maner,  
that thy children maye  
patiently beare, & ioy-  
fullye attende, for the  
good howre wherein  
thou wilt pul them out  
of all their trroubles.  
And specially we pray  
thy maiesty for our bre-  
thren, that are afflicted  
for thy Gospell sake:  
name-

namely, those that suffer imprisonment or otherwise in any nation, for the clearer testimony of it: that it would please thee to giue the patience in all their troubles, wisdom and mouthes to defend thy cause, against all those that rise vp againste it: that thou woldst blesse their trauels and sufferings, for that for which they are taken: which is, to giue a freer course of thy gospel into all places. And therewithall wee beese thee for the churches of France  
and

and Flaunders, which are so miserably racked and torn in sunder, and which are almost consumed with these fierie trials: that it wold please thee to looke vpon the sighings and gronings, the teares that fall from their eies continually, the bloud that is shed in all partes of the Lande, the bodies that lye vnburied, to bee meate to the foules of the ayre, and Fishes of the Sea, the lonenes of wiues lacking ther husbands, children their fathers, & euery frend his friend.

freind. And for asmuch  
as those thynges are  
come vppon them for  
thy names sake, let it be  
thy good pleasure to  
hepe them considering  
that they are forsaken  
of al their friends roūde  
about : and therefore  
praye thee that thou  
wouldest not looke vp-  
pon our sinnes, nor the  
sins of our forefathers,  
wherby we deserue not  
onelye this correction,  
but vtter destruction, as  
Sodom & Gomorrha:  
but rather to look vpō  
thi mercies which were  
before them: whereby  
thou



thou hast sayde, that although we do offende, and thou doest correct vs, yet thou wilt not take away thy mercyes from vs, but wilt leaue a remnant which thou wilt multiply, and make as the starres of the heauen, and as the sandes of the Sea. Looke also (O Lord) vpon the outragiousnes and cruelty, vnfaithfulnes, and blasphemy of the enemies, wherewithall they blaspheme thee, and prouoke thee to thy face, and therefore in thine owne cause, and for  
thine

thine own sake, take the  
matter into thine owne  
handes, and pay vnto  
the Bosomes of thine  
enymies double and  
treble of that they haue  
giuen to thee. Not-  
withstanding, those a-  
mongest them, that be-  
long to thine holy ele-  
ction, hasten their cal-  
ling, that afterward thy  
iudgement may hasten  
vpon the earth, and the  
inhabitants therof may  
learn to knowe thee by  
thy iudgementes; that  
would not vnderstand  
and come to thee, by  
the louing callinge of  
G thy

thy Gospell. Wee pray  
thee(O Lorde) for our  
brethren that are vp in  
arms in both those cou-  
tries: that thou wouldst  
goe before them, and  
come behinde them,  
and on euerye syde of  
them: couer their heads  
in the daye of battell,  
teache their handes to  
fyght, & their fingers to  
war: giue them wisdom  
& valiantnes, and good  
succes in al their enter-  
prises: strike a dize-  
nesse & maze of spirite into  
the enimies hearts, and  
take away from them al  
force, and disappoint all  
their

their counsels. And vpon  
our brethren in Flāders  
wee beseeche thee that  
thou wouldest comfort  
them ouer al their trou-  
bles, that they haue re-  
ceiued, and breaches  
that haue beene made  
in vpon them: & where  
there are new forces e-  
uery day gathered, new  
sleights inuented to de-  
stroy thē, it maye please  
thee, to scatter their  
forces, and bring their  
sleights to nothing. yea  
grant also (O lord) that  
that whiche they haue  
deuised against thy chil-  
dren, may come vppon  
2        their

their own heades. And  
for oure Brethren in  
Fraunce wee beseeche  
thee ( O Lorde ) what  
straights soeuer they be  
in, thou wouldest deli-  
uer them : and althogh  
they be forsaken in the  
iudgement of all the  
world, and in their own  
iudgementes, notwith-  
standing thou that hast  
the issues of death in  
thine owne handes, de-  
liuer those that are ap-  
poynted to death. And  
finally we most humbly  
thanke thee, for that it  
hath pleased thee to  
keepe vs this daye, and  
all



all the dayes and times  
of our liues, beseeching  
thee, that thou wouldst  
receiue vs this night in-  
to thy holye keeping,  
that we may haue quiet  
rest, not of bodyes a-  
lone, but of our soules  
also, restinge from all  
those thinges that are  
cōtrary to thy most ho-  
ly will, attending while  
thou raisest vs vp in the  
morning, to do al those  
thinges that thou haste  
appoynted vs. These  
thinges wee desire of  
thee, & all other things  
(which thou knowest  
to be more needfull for

vs, & thy whol church,  
better then we our sel-  
ues do know) for Iesus  
Christs sake : saying the  
same praier, that he him  
self hath taught vs. Our  
father.&c.



A P R A Y E R F O R  
*the Euening.*

O Lorde God, Father  
euerlasting and full  
of pittie, we acknowlege  
and confesse that we be  
not worthy to lift vp  
oure eyes to heauen,  
muche lesse to pre-  
sent oure selues before  
thy

thy maiesty, with confidence that thou wilt heare our prayers and graunt our requestes, if we consider our owne deseruinges, for our cōsciences do accuse vs, & our sinnes do witnes against vs, and we know that thou art an vpright Iudge, which dost not iustifie the sinners and wicked men, but punnished the faults of al such as transgresse thy commandements: yet most mercifull Father, since it hath pleased thee, to Commaunde vs to call vpon thee in all

our troubles & aduersities promising euen then to helpe vs when we feel our selues (as it were) swallowed vp of death and desperation. We vtterly renounce al worldlye confidence, & flye to thy Soueraigne bounty, as our only stae and refuge: beseeching thee not to call to remembraunce our manifold sinnes and wickednes: whereby we continuallye prouoke thy wrath and indignation against vs: neither our negligence and vnkindnes, which haue neither  
wor-

worthely esteemed, nor  
in our liues sufficiently  
expressed the sweet cō-  
fort of thy Gospell re-  
uealed vnto vs : but ra-  
ther to accept the obe-  
dience, & death of thy  
sonne Iesus Christ, who  
by offering vp his body  
in sacrifice once for all,  
hath made a sufficient  
recompence for all our  
sinnes. Haue mercye  
therefore vppon vs ( O  
Lorde ) and forgiue vs  
our offences. Teach vs  
by thy holye spirte, that  
we maye rightly weigh  
them, and earnestly re-  
pent for the same. And  
so



so much the rather (O Lord) because that the reprobate and suche as thou hast forsaken cannot praise thee nor call vpon thy name: but the repenting hart, the sorrowfull mind, the conscience oppressed, hungering and thirsting for thy grace, shall euer set foorth thy praise & glory. And albeit we be but wormes and duste, yet thou art our Creator, & we be the worke of thy hands: yea thou art our Father, and we thy children: thou art our shepheard, and we thy flock:  
thou

thou art our redeemer,  
and we thy people whō  
thou hast bought: thou  
art our God, & we thine  
inhertiance. Correct vs  
not therfore in thine an  
ger (O lord) neither ac  
cording to oure deserts  
punish vs, but merciful  
lye chastice vs with a fa  
therly affection, that all  
the worlde may know,  
that at what time fouer  
a sinner doth repēt him  
of his sinn frō the bottō  
of his hart, thou wilt put  
away his wickednes out  
of thy remembrance.

Finally for as much as  
it hath pleased thee to  
make

make the night for man  
to reſte in, as thou haſte  
ordayned him the daye  
to trauaile , graunt O  
deare Father that wee  
may ſo take our bodely  
reſt, that our ſoules may  
continually watch for  
the time that our Lord  
Ieſus Chriſt ſhal appear  
for our deliuerance out  
of this mortall life, and  
in the mean ſeaſon that  
we not ouercome by a-  
ny fantaſies, dreames or  
other temptations, may  
fully ſet our mindes vp-  
pon thee, loue thee, fear  
thee, & reſt in thee. Fur-  
thermore that our ſleep  
be

be not excessiue or ouer  
much after the vnsatia-  
ble desires of the fleshe,  
but only sufficiēt to cō-  
tent oure weake nature,  
that we may be the bet-  
ter disposed in all godly  
cōuersation, to the glo-  
ry of thy holy name, &  
profite of our brethren.  
So be it.



*g A Prayer for all  
times.*

O Lord God, Father  
of mercy and God  
of al consolation, with-  
out whome wee haue  
nei-

neither hope nor comfort, we pore wretches & miserable sinners, beseech thee of thy fatherly goodnes to look vpon vs, and so make vs partakers of thy gracious goodnes, that we may stil increase in all goodnesse, so that euermore we may set forth thine honor & glory: let our conuersation bee such, that a great man beholding our good workes, may glorify thee oure heauenly father: & so direct our ways, that we may hold forth the professiō of thy gospel, as a  
lan-



lanthorn to lighten the  
steps of a greate many  
that they may turne to  
thee, & praise thy name  
in their visitation. Thus  
(O Lord) we beseeche  
thee to deale with vs,  
that in deed we may be  
vessels of honour vnto  
thee, now to set forth  
the praise of thy name,  
and after this transitory  
life, to behold thy glo-  
ry, who haste immorta-  
lity alone, and dwellest  
in lighte, that no man  
hath approched vnto:  
remoue far from vs our  
sinns & iniquities, that  
they may not seperate  
be-

betweene vs and thee:  
blot out all our offences,  
and make our prayers  
righteous, that thou  
mayst fauourably grant  
our requests: looke vpon  
vs with thy fauourable  
mercie, that thou mayst  
haue pittie vpon vs, and  
beholde in the righteous-  
nesse of thy beloued  
Sonne Christ Iesu, and  
that wee may bee pre-  
sented faultlesse in thy  
sight: and thou accep-  
ting vs as only, we may  
finde the Grace euer-  
more to set foorth thy  
honour and glory, and  
to speake of thy prayes  
in

in the middes of all thy people. Let vs loue (O Lord) the thinges that bee good, and hate the things that are euill: let vs delight in all things that may please thee, & let vs bee greeued with whatsoeuer is displeasing in thy sight. And to the intent wee may haue true vnderstanding and be able to discern betweene things, what is good or euill, we beseech thee let thy word dwell plentifully in vs, which may guide oure vnderstandings so, that we may abound in all know-

knowledge, and do according to that which is righteous . And in this estate of the true Christianity, being instructed in minde, and ready in body to all holy obedience, wee beseeche thee make vs to growe and encrease frō grace to grace, frō fayth to fayth, vntill we come vnto the fulnesse of age to be perfect members of the body of Christe, waiting for the blessed hope of thine elect, and sighing in spirite vntill that thy children shalbe reuealed. In the meane  
sea-

season, let vs sigh with  
al those that haue recei  
ued the first fruits of thi  
spirit, that these days of  
sinne may cease, that sa  
tan be trode down vn  
der feet, that Antichrist  
may be reuealed, yet to  
many thousandes that  
be in ignoraunce, that  
the number of thine e  
lect may be full, the bo  
dy of thy saintes made  
perfect, all teares wiped  
from oure eyes, euen  
then when thy sonne  
shal appear again the se  
cond time, to iudge the  
quicke and the deade,  
which time (O Lorde)  
send



send quickly, according  
to thy good will, and  
teache vs to pray with  
all thy Sayntes, Come  
Lord Iesu, come quick-  
ly: graunt this (O Fa-  
ther) for thy Sonnes  
sake, in whose name we  
pray vnto thee. And al-  
though wee bee but  
Earth and Ashes, yet  
are we bolde to say vn-  
to thee, (the G O D of  
all glory) euen as hee  
hath taught vs. Our  
Father whiche art in  
Heauen, hallowed bee  
thy name. &c.



*A Prayer for the estate of the  
whole church.*

O Lorde our God &  
heauenlye Father,  
forasmuche as by thy  
holy word we are com-  
maunded in our pray-  
prayers, not only to be  
mindfull of our selues,  
but also of al others thy  
children, yea, euen of  
our enemies: wee com-  
mend vnto thy Maiesty  
all thy whole true and  
Catholique Church, &  
euery member thereof:  
that as it hath pleased  
thy

thy goodnesse by the  
bright beams of thy ho  
ly worde, to shine ouer  
the whol world, wherbi  
thou hast expelled, dri  
uen away, & caused to  
vanish, the dark & misty  
clouds of ignorance &  
superstitiō, so thou wol  
dest vouchesafe by thy  
holy spirit to touch the  
hearts of men, that thei  
may ioyfullye embrace  
that, thine so high trea  
sure sent amongst vs,  
that thorough our vn  
thākfulnes we prouoke  
not thy maiesty in an  
ger to take it from vs.  
Crush, bruse, & destroy  
with

with the breath of thy mouth, the mighty power of that man of sin, which so proudly exalteth him selfe aboue all that is called God. Let not thy simple flocke (deare father) in whose consciences he of long time hath, and yet doth sit as God, be any longer poisoned with his sweet enticing poisons: but so lightē their harts that they may perceiue his iuglinges, and embrace the sweet & comfortable doctrine of life euerlasting, reuealed in thy glorious Gospell.

And

And forasmuch as it  
hath pleased thee in  
mercy aboue all natiōs  
in the earth , to powre  
down the sweet show-  
ers of thy Heauenlye  
Graces, vppon this our  
English nation aboun-  
dantlie, in more plenti-  
full wise watering the  
same with the giftes of  
the holy spirite, in pro-  
moting thy Gospell, &  
ouerthrowing Idolatri,  
we besech thee cōtinue  
thy fauour toward the  
same, & vtterly root out  
all remnants, reliques, &  
Monumentes of Ido-  
latry, that thy glorious  
name



name may be through-  
lye exalted, in sincere,  
pure, and holy worship.  
And as thou haste in  
mercy from amongst vs  
in this thy Church, vt-  
terly banished all false,  
venemous and poyson-  
full doctrine, wherewith  
the foules of thy Chil-  
dren heeretofore haue  
bene woūded to death,  
and in place therof, hast  
placed the true & com-  
fortable doctrine of life  
euerlasting, wherewith  
the foules of thy Chil-  
dren be fedde and nou-  
rished to euerlastinge  
ioy : so in like mercy &

H fa-

fauour we beseech thee  
deere father, establishe  
in the same thy church,  
a true, perfect, and sin-  
cere regiment thereof,  
according to the pre-  
script rule of thy blef-  
sed worde, all fantasies  
of mans brayne, and  
Dreames of humane  
policy vtterlye aboli-  
shed : that thy glori-  
ous Maiestye onelye  
maye bee exalted in  
the light of thy glo-  
rious gospel : and that  
thy Church flourish  
and increase, beeing  
thorough thy protecti-  
on ayded, supported,  
main-

maintayned and defended : we beseeche thee by thy holy Spirit, guid and rule euerye parte and member thereof, especially thy seruau<sup>n</sup>t ELIZABETH our Qucene, whome thy gracious fauoure and prouidēce hath appointed a cheefe member in the same: vnder whose winges next vnto thy protection it hathe a cheefe succour and support. Graunt vnto her, O L O R D E, a pure and perfecte zeale aboue all thynges to promote thy Glorie:

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first and chiefly in laboring and endeuoring of her self earnestly, in wiping away and purging out of thy Church all blots and deformityes, to reduce the same to a pure & sincere forme of worship, agreing to thy blessed word, vtterly to mooue all stumblinge blockes, which stay and hinder the course of thy gospel: giue her in like maner O Lord, the spirit of wisdom, discretion, and gouernment, that with equitye and iustice she maye see this whole Realme, which  
thou

thou hast committed to  
her charge, peaceablye  
and quietly gouerned:  
that she may studiously  
labour, that as wel tho-  
rough the whole realm  
vertue be exalted, and  
vice abandoned: as spe-  
cially in her own house  
and Court, that all wic-  
ked vanities of this  
world, all licentious &  
inordinate life, all flatter-  
ing and dissimulation  
being vtterly banished,  
the feare of thy glori-  
ous Maiestye maye so  
raigne in the heartes of  
all within her pallace &  
Court, that their liues



and conuersation may  
be agreeable to thy blei-  
sed wil, in sincerity and  
true holines and inte-  
grity of life, that from  
them, as from the head,  
maye shine puretye of  
life and conuersation,  
as an example and pat-  
terne of true Godlines  
to the whole Realme.  
Preserue her, wee be-  
seech thee good Lord,  
from all conspiracies  
and treasons, that if it  
be thy good will, shee  
may haue a long & qui-  
et raigne ouer vs, to the  
benefit of thy Church,  
& the aduancement of  
thy

thy glory . Indue the  
whol coūsel, good lord  
with the true & perfect  
wisdom, that in all their  
consultatiōs & coūsels,  
hauing thee present be-  
fore their eies, they mai  
consult of those things,  
which principally and  
cheefely may be for the  
aduauncement of thy  
glory, & the cōmodity  
of thy church, and next  
for the quiet peace and  
gracious gouernmente  
of this realm. So lightē  
al inferior magistrats of  
this realm, good Lord,  
with the brightnesse of  
thy holy Spirite , that

vnderstanding thy will,  
they may zealously defend, maintain & further  
the course of the Gospel with the swoord of  
iustice, cut off the wicked, & cherish the godly. Defend and gouern  
by thy holye spirite, the Pastours of thy church,  
& labourers in thy vine  
yarde, that they maye  
zealously, earnestly and  
diligently feed thy flock  
committed vnto them,  
with the foode of lyfe  
thy blessed word, wher-  
with their soules maye  
bee nourished to life e-  
uerlasting. Increase the  
num-

number of them, deare  
Father, place ouer eue-  
rye flocke a godly, lear-  
ned and painful Pastor,  
who may painfully and  
carefully trauail, eucry  
one in his charge, to  
bringthypeople(which  
now alas in most partes  
doe wander and goe a-  
stray like lost sheepe)to  
the true knowledge of  
thee their lord & God,  
and of their deare Son  
Christe Iesu their Sau-  
our. And for thy mercy  
we besecch thee, to take  
pity vpon thy poore &  
and simple flocke, roote  
out al rauening wolues,  
which

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whiche haue craftilye  
crept into thy sheepe-  
folde and do make ha-  
uocke of the soules of  
thy simple flocke. Cast  
out all hirelinges, time-  
seruers, and dumbe  
Dogges, whiche to fill  
theire bellyes onelye,  
haue thrust them selues  
among the sheep, & do  
pitifully suffer the flock  
of Christ thy sonne, to  
bee deuoured and scat-  
tered of the wolfe. Stir  
vp, good Lord, & place  
in their rooms faithfull  
shepheards, which dili-  
gently, paynfully, care-  
fully and earnestly may  
labor



labour in thy vineyard,  
seek to win the souls of  
thy people, out of the  
tyranny and power of  
Satan, to the freedome  
of thy deere son Christ  
Iesu our Lord.

And that thy Church  
may be furnished with  
Godly learned pastors,  
we beseeche thee prosper  
and encrease in all  
Godly knowledge, all  
Schooles of learning,  
especialllye the two v-  
nyuersities, C A M-  
B R I D G E and Ox-  
F O R D: grant deer father  
vnto all the students of  
the same, that the cheef  
end

end of all their studyes  
maye be to the furthe-  
raunce of thy Church;  
and maintenance of the  
common wealth. Blesse  
their studies, deare Fa-  
ther, that all vaine stu-  
dies set aside, they may  
so fructify and profit in  
all profitable and godly  
sciences, that heereafter  
they may become pro-  
fitable members in thy  
Church, and godly vp-  
holders of the common  
wealth.

Graunt, good Lord,  
to all the whole Com-  
mons of this realm, that  
their hartes beeing tou-  
ched

ched with a sincere fear  
and reuerence of thy  
heauenlye maiestye, ac-  
knowledging thy mer-  
cy in placing ouer them  
a godly Princeffe, they  
may euery one in their  
callinges, walke in all  
true and humble obe-  
dience vnto her, in thee  
& for thee, without re-  
sistaunce, tumultes, in-  
surrections, conspira-  
cies, or rebellions: kno-  
wing that to resiste the  
higher powers, is to re-  
bell against thy maiesty.  
Finally we beseech thy  
goodnesse, so guid and  
gouerne the harts of all  
the

the whole realme of euery degree, that euery one in his calling, being by thy grace supported, maye so occupy his Talent, that thy glory in all thinges may be aduanced, thy Church enlarged, & this whole realm into sincere godlinesse vertuously reduced.

Moreouer we beseech the ( O Lord our God ) in mercye beholde all those which suffer persecution for thy glorious wordes sake, whether it be imprisonmēt, death, or banishment, or whatsoeuer els : strengthen  
then

then them good Lord,  
that they hauing thee  
alwais before their eies,  
and the glorye layde vp  
for them in the lyfe to  
come, may cōtinue con  
staunt in defending thy  
truth, with out feare of  
man or vain alluremēts  
of the world, that whe  
ther it come by lyfe or  
death, they may glorify  
thy holyc name in con  
tinuing in the truth to  
the ende. Preserue in  
like maner wee beseech  
thee, all others thy chil  
dren, whome it hath  
pleased thee with anye  
other kinde of Crosse  
to



to chasten for their amendment, whether by pestilence, famine, war, pouerty, imprisonment, sicknes or banishment, trouble of conscience, vexation of spirite, disquietnes of mind, want of spirituall comfort, or what soeuer kind of affliction of bodye or minds, thou doest try them with : that by thy holy spirite beeing fully assured , that thou by this thy correction mindest to call them backe to a feeling of their sin, and due consideration of their life and conuersation,

sation, that they maye  
patiently abide thy Fa-  
therly triall, looking for  
aide, helpe and comfort  
from thee, when it see-  
meth most conuenient  
to thy godly wisdome :  
and beeing by thy mer-  
cyfull hande once deli-  
uered, may acknowledge  
thy singular power and  
worke, giuing all laude  
and praise to thy glori-  
ous Name : and after-  
wardes, all the dayes of  
their life, studye to liue  
before thee in sincerity  
and perfect holinesse, e-  
uen to their liues ende.  
Amen.

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A PRAYER FOR  
*all estates.*

O Lorde God Father  
of light, with whōe  
is no chaunge, neither  
yet shadow of chaunge,  
but haste established  
thine appoynted coun-  
sels, which shall not bee  
changed for euer : thou  
(O God) haste made a-  
mong vs this diuersitie  
of estates and degrees,  
according as euerye cō-  
mon wealth requyreth,  
keepe vs all, we beseech  
thee, that we may walke  
obedientlye in our cal-  
ling,

ling, and followe the  
steppes that thou haste  
set before vs, euen from  
the highest to the low-  
est, let vs accomplishe  
that duety vnto which  
thou hast appointed vs,  
and with a faithfull re-  
membrance of thy pro-  
mise made of old to our  
father ABRAHAM, that  
thou art his exceeding  
great rewarde, we maye  
likewyse depend on thy  
prouidence, and seeke  
not any shameful waies  
to get our liuing, wan-  
dringe from the righ-  
teousnesse of our voca-  
tion, into the manifold  
errors

errors of sinne and iniquity : looke vppon vs (O Lord) and inrich vs with thy grace, make vs obedient to our inferiours, meeke towardes our enemies, faithfull to our friendes, true & iust towardes all men, that we may dwell stedfastly rooted in the hope of thine elect, vntill thou shalt make an end of all our labors : looke vpon oure moſte Excellent Queene, and her honorable Counsell, and as thou haſte called them to the higheſt roome, ſo giue vnto the the greateſt



test measures of grace,  
that they faithfully dis-  
pence the talents com-  
mitted vnto them: lead  
them with the good  
King D A V I D into thy  
sanctuary, that they may  
see thy louing kindnes  
which is better thē life,  
and saye with the Pro-  
phet: All flesh is grasse,  
and the glory of man is  
as the flower of the  
field, and so consecrate  
them selues to doe thy  
will, offer vp their bo-  
dies to be holy, liuely &  
reasonable sacrifices vn-  
to thee, that they maye  
be Nurses and nurs-fa-  
thers

thers vnto the Church:  
looke also wee beseech  
thee vpon thy ministers  
whome thou haste ap-  
poynted to the prea-  
ching of thy Gospell,  
make the (O God) faith-  
ful dispensers of thy mi-  
steries, without respect  
of persons to doe the  
worke vnto the which  
thou haste appointed  
them, that they maye  
conuert Sinners, and  
haue their glorye per-  
fect in the day of christ:  
and knitte vs togeather  
in peace and loue, that  
wee maye bee full of  
cōpassion one towards  
an

an other, to reioyce  
with them that reioyce,  
and mourne with them  
that mourne, especial-  
lye to instruct one an o-  
ther in the wayes of  
righteousnesse, that by  
our mutuall helpe wee  
maye the better with-  
stande our enemye, and  
dwell, safe in hope of  
thine electe, till our  
dayes shall be full, and  
wee shall walke the  
wayes of all the world,  
which time we beseech  
thee bring vs happelye  
vnto, euen for thy Sons  
sake wee beseeche thee,  
to whome with thee  
and

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and the holye Ghoste,  
three persons and one  
God, be all honour and  
glory now and for euer-  
more. Amen, Amen.



A P R A Y E R F O R  
*the Queene.*

O Gracious Lorde, &  
most mercifull Fa-  
ther, wee acknowledge  
thee the Lord of lords,  
and the King of Kings,  
creating at the begin-  
ning, & ruling al things  
euermore in heanen &  
in earth, according to  
thy wonderfull wisdom  
and

and power: and our sel-  
ues to be thy poore ser-  
uauntes , the worke of  
thy hands, & the sheepe  
of thy pasture, subiected  
to thy high maiesty, and  
depending vpon thy fa-  
therly prouidence for al  
thinges . Neuertheles,  
seeing thou in thy wise-  
dome annoyntest kings  
and Queenes, appoyn-  
ting them to rule ouer  
thy people , to sitte as  
Lieuetenauntes in thy  
seat, to minister iustice,  
and moſte of all , as Fa-  
thers and Nurſes to  
maintaine and cheriſhe  
thy Church : comman-  
ding



ding vs not onely to obey and honour them, but moreouer to praie for them, as watching ouer vs for our good: wee therefore beleeche thee for thy gret names sake, and for I E S V S C H R I S T S sake, to shew thy mercy to all Kinges and Princes, that mayntaine thy glorious gospel: but especiallye we praye thee to blesse our gracious Queene, in all spirituall blessings in Christe Iesus, and in all tēporal blessings, according to thy good pleasure, that in the great mea-

measures of thy effectual loue, shee may more and more find great increases of verttue, and wisdom, and strength in Christ Iesus to the faithful & happye discharge of her duty: that her holines, & ioy, and zeal of thy house may be multiplied and enerlasting. And, seeing it hath pleased thee of thy singular mercy, to giue her this especiall honour, first to suffer for thy glorious truth, and afterwarde miraculoufli deliuering her out of the hands of all Her ennemyes, and

to set vp a crowne vpon  
her heade, and to make  
her the instrumente to  
aduaunce thy glory and  
gospell for which shee  
suffered, and to bring it  
out of darknesse into  
light, out of persecution  
into this great and long  
peace: as we giue thee  
most hartly thanks for  
this singular benefit, so  
we besech thee to make  
her & vs euermore thak  
full for it, & in thy good  
pleasure still to preserue  
her, for the continuāce  
of these blessings to-  
wardes vs, with all in-  
crease frō time to time,  
to

to thy glory, the benefit  
of thy Church, and her  
infinite peace in Christ  
Iesus, the Prince of  
peace. And furthermore  
we pray thee for her, &  
the estate, that such as  
be enemies of the Gos-  
pell, and her enemies al-  
so, for the defence ther-  
of, may not despise the  
peace offered them to  
repentaunce, but that  
they maye account thy  
long suffering, and her  
peaceable & vnbloud-  
dy gouernement an oc-  
casion of saluation to  
their soules, and vnfay-  
ned loue to the truth, &

their merciful souerain.  
Otherwise if they still  
remaine disobedient to  
the truth, disobedient  
to her highnesse, and  
dangerous to the state,  
then (O God of our sal-  
uation) as thou hast dis-  
couered them, so disco-  
uer them still, as thou  
hast preuented them, so  
preuent them still, and  
let their eies waxe wea-  
ry with looking, & their  
harts faint with waiting  
for the comminge of  
that, which yet com-  
meth not, neither let it  
come (O Lorde) wee  
beseeche thee, but a  
bles-



blessed , and a longe  
raigne to her , and  
peace to SION for  
euermore.

Also (deare Father)  
so blesse , so loue, so in  
thy spirite sanctify and  
keepe her , that shee  
maye in the spirite of  
counsel and fortitude,  
so rule that other Si-  
ster also, namelye, this  
her common wealth,  
that they maye flou-  
rishe together , and  
growe vp together as  
Palme trees, in beautie,  
and in strength , giuing  
ayde and helpe one  
to an other , that in the  
4 church

Church the glorye of  
God maye appeare, as  
the sunne in his bright-  
nesse, and that the land  
may flow with milke &  
hony, and true peace a-  
bound therin, as in the  
tryumphant raigne of  
DEBORA.

These graces (O lord)  
are great, and we mise-  
rable sinners, vnworthy  
of the leaste of them:  
therfore looke not to vs  
but to thy selfe, not to  
oure iniquities but to  
thy great mercies, accep-  
ting the death and pas-  
sion of thy sonne, as a  
full ransome for all our  
offen-

offences: throwing thē  
into the bottome of the  
sea, & making his crosse  
and resurrection effec-  
tuall in vs to all obedi-  
ence and godlinesse, as  
becommeth thy saints,  
that to all other thy  
good blessings towards  
our gracious soueraign,  
this may be added, that  
she gouerneth blessed-  
lye, ouer a blessed peo-  
ple, a people blassed of  
the Lorde, and beloued  
of the Lorde, and that  
thy graces may abound  
as the waters of the sea,  
in the Prince and in the  
people, in the Church  
and

and in the Common  
wealth, from day to day  
till the day of our trans-  
lation into the kingdō,  
where iustice inhabi-  
teth, where we also shal  
inhabite and raign with  
thee, according to thy  
promise, for euer. Grant  
vs these things (O mer-  
cifull Father ) for thy  
deare sonne our Lorde  
Iesus Christ his sake, in  
whose name we craue  
them at thy mercifull  
hande, praying further-  
more for them, as hee  
hath taught vs to pray.  
Our father which art in  
heauen.&c.

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A P R A Y E R T O  
*be sayd in visiting of  
the sicke.*

O Our good G O D,  
Lord & Father, the  
Creator and conseruer  
of all thinges, the foun-  
taine of all goodnes &  
benignitye, like as (a-  
mong other thine infi-  
nite benefites, whiche  
thou of thy great good-  
nesse and grace doest  
distribute ordinarilye  
vnto all men (thou gi-  
uest them health of bo-  
dy, to the end that they  
should the better know  
thy



thy great liberalitie, so  
that they might be the  
more readye to serue &  
glorifye thee with the  
same : so contrarywise,  
when we haue ill beha-  
ued our selues in offen-  
ding thy maiestye, thou  
hast accustomed to ad-  
monishe vs, and call vs  
vnto thee by diuers and  
fundry chastisementes,  
thorough the which it  
hath pleased thy good-  
nes, to subdue and tame  
our fraile flesh, but espe-  
ciallye by thy grieuous  
plagues of sicknesse and  
diseases, vsing the same,  
as a meane, to awake &  
stirre

stir vp the great dulnes  
and negligence that is  
in vs all, and aduertising  
vs of oure euill life by  
such infirmities & dan-  
gers, especially when as  
they threaten the verye  
death, which (as assured  
messengers of the same)  
are all to the flesh full of  
extreame anguise and  
torments, althogh they  
be notwithstanding to  
the spirit of the elect as  
medicines both good  
& wholsom. For by the  
thou dost mooue vs to  
retourne vnto thee for  
our saluation, and to cal  
vpon thee in our afflic-  
tions,

tions to haue thine helpe, which art oure dear and louing father. In consideration whereof wee most earnestlye praye vnto thee oure good God, that it wold please thine infinite goodnes to haue pittie on this thy poore creature whome thou hast, as it were, bounde and tied to the bed by most grieuous sicknesse, and brought to great extremitie by the heauinesse of thine hand.

O Lorde, enter not into a count with him, to render the rewarde  
due

due vnto his workes,  
but through thine infinite  
mercy remitte all  
his faults, for the which  
thou hast chastised him  
so gently, and beholde  
rather the obedience  
which thy deare Sonne  
Iesus Christ our Lorde  
hath rendred vnto thee,  
to witte, the sacrifice  
which it hath pleased  
thee to accept as a full  
recompence for all the  
iniquities of thē that re-  
ceiue him for their iu-  
stice & sanctificatiō, yea  
for their onely sauour.

Let it please thee, O  
G O D, to gyue him

a true zeale and affection to receiue and acknowledge him for his onely redeemer : to the end also, that thou maist receiue this sicke person to thy mercy, qualifying all the troubles, which his sins, the horror of death, and dreadfull feare of the same may bring to his weake conscience: neither suffer thou, O Lord, the assaults of the mighty aduersary to preuaile, or to take from him the comfortable hope of salvation, which thou giuest to thy dearely beloued  
chil-



children.

And for as much as we are all subiect to the like state & condition, and to bee visited with like battel, when it shal please thee to call vs vn to the same: we beseech thee moſte humblye, O Lorde , with this thy poore Creature, whom thou now preſently chaſtiſeſt , that thou wilt not extende thy rigorous iudgement againſt him, but that thou wouldeſt vouchſafe to ſhew him thy mercye for the loue of thy deare ſonne Ieſus Chriſt our Lorde,  
who

who, hauing suffered the most shamefull, and extreame death of the Crosse, bare willinglye the fault of this poore patient to the end that thou mightest acknowledge him, as one redeemed with his precious bloud, and receiued into the communion of his body, to be participant of eternall felicity in the companye of thy blessed Aungels: wherefore, O Lord, dispose, & moue his hart to recieue by thy grace with all meekenesse this gentle and fatherly correction,  
which

which thou haste layde  
vpon him, that he maye  
indure it patientlye and  
with willing obediēce,  
submitting himself with  
heart and minde to thy  
blessed will and fauou-  
rable mercye, wherein  
thou now visitest him  
after this sort for his pro-  
fit and saluation. It may  
please thy goodnesse, O  
Lord, to assist him in ail  
his anguishes and trou-  
bles. And although the  
tongue and voyce bee  
not able to execute  
their office in this be-  
half to set forth thy glo-  
rye, that yet at the least  
thou

thou wilt stirre vp his hart to aspire vnto thee only, which art the on-lye fountaine of goodnesse, & that thou wilt roote and settle in his hart the sweet promises which thou hast made vnto vs in Christe Iesus thy sonne our Sauour, to the intent he may remaine constant against all the assaults and tumult, which the enemy of our saluation maye raise vp to trouble his conscience.

And seeing it hath pleased thee, that by the death of thy dear Son,  
life

life eternall shoulde be  
cōmunicated vnto vs :  
and by the shedding of  
his bloud, the washing  
of our finnes should be  
declared, and that by  
his resurrectiō also, both  
iustice and immortality  
shoulde bee giuen vs, it  
may please thee to ap-  
ply this holy and whol-  
some medicine to this  
thy poore Creature in  
such extremitie, taking  
from him all trembling  
& dreadfull feare, & to  
giue him a stout cou-  
rage in the middes of  
all his present aduersi-  
tyes.

And



And for as much as all things, O heauenly father, be knowne vnto thee, and thou canst according to thy good pleasure, minister vnto him all such things as shall be necessarye and expedient, let it please thee, O Lord, so to satisfie him by thy grace, as may seeme most meete vnto thy diuine maiesty

Receiue him, Lorde, into thy protection: for he hath his recourse & accessse to thee alone, & make him constant and firme in thy commaundements and promises,  
and

and also pardon all his  
sinnes both secreat, and  
those which are many-  
fest : by the which hee  
hath moſte grieuouſlye  
prouoked thy wrath &  
ſeuere iudgementes a-  
gainſt him, ſo as in place  
of death ( the whiche  
both he and al we haue  
iuſtlye merited ) thou  
wilt graunt vnto him  
that bleſſed life, whiche  
we alſo attend & looke  
for, by thy grace and  
mercy.

Neuertheleſſe, O  
heauenlye Father, if  
thy good pleaſure bee  
that hee ſhall yet lyue  
longer

longer in this worlde, it  
may then please thee to  
augment in him thy gra  
ces, so as the same maye  
serue vnto thy glorye:  
yea, Lord, to the intent  
he may conforme him-  
selfe the more diligent-  
lye and with more care-  
fulnes, to the example  
of thy sonne Christ Ie-  
sus: and that in renoun-  
cing him selfe he maye  
cleaue fullye vnto him,  
who, to gyue consolati-  
on and hope vnto all  
sinners, to obtaine re-  
mission of all their sins  
and offences, hath car-  
ryed with him into the  
hea-

Heauens, the Theefe  
whiche was crucified  
with him vppon the  
crosse.

But if the tyme by  
thee appoynted bee  
come, that hee shall de-  
part from vs vnto thee,  
make him to feele in his  
conscience, O Lord, the  
fruite and strength of  
thy grace, that thereby  
he may haue a new tast  
of thy Fatherly care, o-  
uer him from the be-  
ginning of his lyfe, vn-  
to the end of the same,  
for the loue of thy dear  
sonne Iesus Christ our  
Lord.

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Giue him thy grace,  
that with a good heart,  
and full assuraunce of  
faith he maye receiue  
to his consolation so  
great & excellent a trea-  
sure, to wit, the remis-  
sion of his finnes in  
CHRIST IESVS thy  
Sonne, who now pre-  
senteth him to this pore  
personne in distresse,  
by the vertue of thy  
promises reuealed vnto  
him by thy woorde,  
which he hath exerci-  
sed with vs in thy  
Church and congrega-  
tion, and also in vsing  
the



the sacramentes, which thou hast established for confirmation of al their faith that truste in thee vnfaynedly.

Let true faith, O lord, be vnto him as a most sure buckler thereby to auoyde the assaultes of death and more boldly walke for the aduancement of eternall life, to the end that he hauing a most liuely apprehension therof, may reioyce with thee in the heauens eternally.

Let him be vnder thy protection and gouernāce, O heauēly father,  
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and althogh he be sick,  
yet canst thou heale  
him: he is cast downe,  
but thou canst lift him  
vp: he is sore troubled,  
but thou canst sende  
redres: he is weak, thou  
canst sende strength: he  
acknowledgeth his vn-  
cleanes, his spots, his fil-  
thines & iniquities, but  
thou canst wash him, &  
make him cleane: he is  
wounded, but thou canst  
minister moſte ſoueraign  
ſalues: he is fearefull &  
trembling, but thou  
canst gyue him good  
courage and boldneſſe.  
To be ſhort, hee is, as it  
were

were vtterly lost, and as  
a strayed sheepe, but  
thou canste call him  
hoame to thee againe.  
Wherefore, O Lord, see-  
ing that this poore cre-  
ature (thine own work-  
manship) resigneth him  
wholly into thine hāds,  
receiue him into thy  
merciful protection. Al-  
so we poore miserable  
creatures, which are, as  
it were, in the field rea-  
dy to fight til thou with-  
draw vs from the same,  
vouchsafe so to streng-  
then vs by thine holyc  
spirite, that we maye  
obtayne the victory in  
thy

thy name, against oure  
deadly and mortal ene-  
mye. And furthermore,  
that the affliction and  
combat of this thy pore  
creature in moſte gree-  
uous tormentes, maye  
moue vs to humble our  
ſelues with all reuerent  
feare and trembling vn-  
der thy mighty hande,  
knowing that we muſte  
appear before thy iuge-  
ment ſeat, when it ſhal  
pleaſe thee to appoint.  
But O lord, the corrupti-  
on of our fraile nature  
is ſuch that wee are vt-  
terlye deſtitute of anye  
mean to appeare before  
thee,

thee, except it please the  
to make vs such as thou  
thy selfe requirest vs to  
be: & further, that thou  
gyue vs the spirite of  
meeknesse and humili-  
ty, to rest and stay who-  
lye on those thinges  
which thou only com-  
maundest.

But for as much as  
we be all together vn-  
worthy, to inioye such  
benefites, wee beseech  
thee to receiue vs in the  
name of thy deare Son  
our Lorde, & maister, in  
whose death & sanctifi-  
cation standeth wholly  
the hope of our saluatiō



It may also please thee,  
O Father of comfort &  
consolation, to streng-  
then with thy grace,  
those which imploye  
theire trauell and dili-  
gence to the ayding of  
this sick persō, that they  
faint not by ouermuch  
and continuall labour,  
but rather to go hearti-  
ly and cheerefully for-  
ward in doing their in-  
deuours towards him:  
& if thou take him frō  
them, thē of thy good-  
nesse to comfort them  
so, as they may patient-  
ly bear such departing,  
and prayse thy name in  
all

all things. Also, O heauenly father, vouchsafe to haue piti on al other sick persons, and such as bee by anye wayes or meanes afflicted, & also on those who as yet are ignorant of thy trueth, & appertaine neuertheless vnto thy kingdom.

In like manner on those that suffer persecution, tormented in prisons, or otherwise troubled by the enemies of thy veritye, for bearing Testimonye to the same: finally, on all the necessityes of thy people, and vpon al the  
ruins

ruins or decayes, which  
satan hath brought vpon  
thy church. O father of  
mercy, spread forth thy  
goodnes vpon all those  
that bee thine, that we  
forsaking oure selues,  
may be the more infla-  
med and confirmed to  
rest onely vpon thee a-  
lone. Graunt these our  
requestes, O our deare  
Father, for the loue of  
thy deare sonne our Sa-  
uiour Iesus Christ, who  
liueth & raigneth with  
thee in vnity of the ho-  
ly Ghost, true God, for  
euermore,



PRAYERS AND  
*thanksgivings to be  
said before and  
after meat.*

*A Prayer before meate.*

O Lorde our God and  
heauenly Father, in  
thy beloued sonne Ie-  
sus Christ, worke in our  
harts true repentaunce,  
with increase of a true  
and liuelye faith : make  
vs thankfull vnto thy  
Maiestye for all thy  
benefites whiche wee  
continually do receiue  
at thy mercifull hande:  
Graunt vs the grace,  
that

that we may at this present with thankful harts as from thy handes receiue meat and drinke for the sustenance of our bodies, with moderation vse them to thy glory, and through thy blessing, receiue by the perfect nourishment: & aboue all, wee craue at thy hands, good Lord, the heauenlye foode of our soules, which neuer perisheth: that through thy gracious goodnes, we maye be nourished and strengthened both in soule and body to eternall life, through Iesus  
sus



sus Christ our Sauour.  
Amen.



A THANKSGIVING  
*after meat.*

E Ternal God , and  
mercifull father, we  
yeelde vnto thee moſte  
harty thanks, for al thy  
benefites ſo plentifully  
beſtowed vpon vs : e-  
ſpecially that thou haſt  
at this preſent, fed and  
nouriſhed oure mortall  
bodyes with meate and  
drinck: we beſeech thee  
in like manner let oure  
ſoules feele the ſweete  
taſte

taste of thy heauenlye  
food, that we being fed  
and nourished at thy  
handes, both in soule &  
body, maye in this lyfe  
walke as it becommeth  
thy children, and in the  
life to come, be receiued  
to thine eternall king-  
dome of glory, through  
Iesus Christ our Lorde  
and sauiour. Amen.



A P R A Y E R B E -  
*fore meat.*

O Mercifull and hea-  
uenlye Father, who  
giuest food to euery li-  
uing

uing creature, and with  
out whom nothing can  
liue, blesse and sanctifie  
our meates & drinckes,  
whiche wee are now a-  
bout to receiue, that  
they maye turne to the  
nourishment of our bo-  
dies, wherevnto thou  
hast appointed the: that  
we acknowledging thy  
gratious goodnes inpro-  
uiding so liberallye for  
our bodyes, maye with  
cheerful harts be lifted  
vp earnestly to long af-  
ter the food of our soules  
wherby we may be fed  
eternally, through Iesus  
Christ our sauior. Amē.

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**A THANKSGIVING**  
*after meate.*

**O** Heauenly Father,  
for these thy benefites  
wherewith thou  
haste nowe sufficiently  
fedde our bodies, wee  
beseeche thee make vs  
thankful: & as we feele  
the sweetnesse of them  
pleasant to our bodies:  
so wee beseeche thee,  
good Lorde, that the  
food of our soules, may  
be as pleasant & cōfor-  
table vnto our soules, &  
that wee maye with as  
carefull hearts, prouide  
for the nourishment of  
our

our souls, as we are careful for the nourishment of our bodies, till it shall please thy maiesty to bring vs to the place where wee shall neuer hunger nor thirst more, but liue eternally, thorough Christe our Sauiour. Amen.



A PRAYER BEFORE  
*meate.*

O Lord our God and  
heauenlye Father,  
which haste prouided  
meate and drinke for  
the



the nourishment of our  
bodies, giue vs grace to  
vse them reuerentlye,  
as from thine handes  
with thankfull heartes.  
And as we doe greatlye  
hunger and thirste for  
this foode of oure bo-  
dies, so we beseech thee  
good Lorde, that oure  
soules maye earnestlye  
hunger after the lyke  
food and nourishment,  
that with earnest minds  
wee maye seeke to haue  
our soules fed and re-  
freshed eternallye, tho-  
rough our onely Lorde  
and sauiour Iesus christ.  
So be it.

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A THANKSGIVING

*after meate.*

**V**Wonderful is thy  
prouidence, O  
Lorde, in preserving all  
liuing creatures. Grant  
vs grace we besech thee  
that with thankful harts  
we maye acknowledge  
thy bountifull good-  
nesse, so liberally giuing  
vnto vs all things need-  
ful: especially feeding vs  
so plétiffully at this pre-  
sent with thy manyfold  
blessings, wherof a great  
many

many of our brethren  
are destitute, as in like  
manner wee should be,  
if thou didst not deale  
more liberalitie with  
vs: graunt vs therefore,  
gracious Lord, that we  
maye bee thankfull for  
this thy goodnesse, and  
to be mindful of them,  
which haue not such a-  
boundance to releue  
them: that beeing all  
members of one body,  
we may at length raig  
with our head Christe,  
to whom be al honour  
and glory, worlde with  
out end. Amen.



A GODLY PRAYER FOR  
*the Morning.*

*And may be sung to the tune of  
the third Psalm.*

O God which art my part & lot,  
my comfort & my stay:  
I haue decreed and promised,  
thy law to keepe alway.  
Mine earnest heart did humbly sue,  
in presence of thy face:  
As thou therefore hast promised,  
Lord graunt me of thy grace,

My life I haue examined,  
and tride my secrete heart:  
VVhich to thy statutes caused me,  
my feete straight to conuert.  
I did not stay nor linger long,  
as they that slouthfull are:  
But hastily thy lawes to keepe,  
I did my selfe prepare.

The cruell handes of wicked men,  
haue made of me their pray:

Yet

Yet vvoulde I not thy lavve forget,  
nor from thee go astray.

Thy righteous iudgement shewde to-  
so great is and so high: (ward me,  
That euen at midnight will I rise,  
thy name to magnifie.

Companion am I to all them,  
vvhich feare thee in their hart:  
And neither vvill for loue nor dread,  
from thy commaundement start.  
Thy mercyes(lord)most plenteously,  
do all the world fulfill:  
Oh teach me how I may obey,  
thy statutes and thy vvill.

All laud and prayse be to the Lorde,  
Oh that of might art most:  
To God the father and the sonne,  
and to the holy ghost.  
As it in the beginning vvas,  
for euer heretofore:  
And is novv at this present time,  
And shall be euermore.





A GODLY PRAYER FOR  
*the Euening.*

*And may be sung to the tune of  
the third Psalme.*

**A** Ccording to thy promise Lord,  
so hast thou with me dealt:  
For of thy grace in sundry sorts,  
haue I thy seruant felt.  
Teach me to iudge alvvaies aright,  
and giue me knowvledge sure:  
For certainly beleeeue I do,  
that thy precepts are pure.

Yet thou didst touch me with thy rod  
I erred and vvent astray:  
But I vwill keepe thy holy vvord,  
and make it all my stay.  
Thou art both good and gracious,  
and giuest most liberally:  
Thy ordinauces howv to keepe,  
therefore (O Lord) teach me.  
(forgde,

The proud and vvicked men haue  
against me many a lye:  
Yet thy cōmandements still obserue,  
vvith all my hart vwill I.

**Then**

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Their hearts are svoln vvith worldly  
as greace so are they fat: (vvealth,  
But in thy lavv do I delight,  
and nothing seek but that.

VVho so vvith reuerence doth thee  
to me let them retire: (feare,  
And such as do they couenants know  
and them alone desire .

My heart vvithout all vvauering,  
let on thy lawes be bent:

That no confusion come to me,  
vvherein I should be shent.

All laud and prayse be to the Lorde,  
Oh that of might art most:  
To God the father and the sonne,  
and to the holy ghost.

As it in the beginning vvas,  
for euer heretofore:

And is now at this present time,  
And shall be euermore.

FINIS.



